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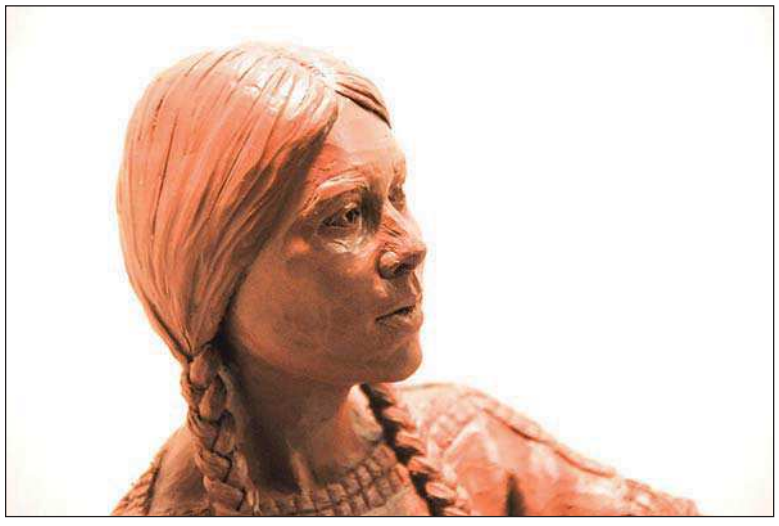

Pictured is an early clay design of the Te Ata sculpture to be created by sculptor Jon Hair. The final bronze piece will be installed at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Te Ata sculpture set for USAO in Chickasha

CHICKASHA, OKLA. - The likeness of famed Chickasaw artist and storyteller Te Ata Fisher will be captured in a new sculpture to be placed on the campus of the University of Science and Arts. The artist is renowned Olympic sculptor Jon Hair. The sculpture will be unveiled later this year, and organizers say the event will honor the life of Te Ata and her Chickasaw heritage.

"Te Ata's remarkable legacy in the arts demands an artist of impeccable reputation and peerless mastery to capture her essence," Science and Arts president John Feaver said. "And we are grateful to have found that in Jon Hair."

Mr. Hair may be best known for his 35-foot bronze sculpture "Olympic Strength" – four athletes lifting a globe on their shoulders. The work is located on the grounds of the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. His other works include a bronze sculpture of Capt. Christopher Newport, one of the founders of Jamestown Settlement, and "The Boilermaker" on the campus of Purdue University.

A committee to select the artist for the project was formed. Among the members of the selection committee was Chickasaw writer and artist Jeannie Barbour, Chickasaw Nation creative director.

"Members of the committee will be working closely with Mr. Hair to ensure the final piece possesses a faithful likeness and representation of Te Ata in every way,"Ms. Barbour said.

The sculpture will depict Te Ata from head to toe with her arms raised in a storytelling

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Prep students gather in Ada for Oklahoma Business Week

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, far left, is joined by East Central University President John Hargrave, far right, and Oklahoma Business Week students. High school students from across Oklahoma, including several Chickasaws, learned about business fundamentals during the special week in Ada. The program was centered in the East Central University School of Business Chickasaw Business and Conference Center.

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby praised 85 high school students for their dedication to learning during Oklahoma Business Week at East Central University. Gov. Anoatubby made his comments during the event's closing assembly June 7.

"You put your dreams into action simply, and most importantly, by being here and expressing a desire to learn," Gov. Anoatubby said. "So keep it up. With that kind of drive, anything is possible. All of you

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Former Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor David Brown dies

DAVID BROWN

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - David Brown, a Tishomingo resident and former Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, died June 6. Mr. Brown was 70.

David Brown was born to Mattie Brown at Chilocco Indian School on June 20, 1942. He grew up in the Tishomingo area and graduated from Ravia (OK) High School.

Mr. Brown served as Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation from 1991 through 1999.

"Our condolences are with the family and friends of David Brown, a man who came from humble beginnings in rural Oklahoma to live and work in one of the largest cities in the country," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Those diverse experiences helped him understand a broad range of life experiences when he returned to work for the Chickasaw Nation."

As Lt. Governor, Mr. Brown was involved in the repatriation of remains of 20 American Indians uncovered in an archeological dig in Tupelo, Miss. He was also involved in early efforts to repatriate prehistoric remains unearthed at a building site in Tennessee in 1997.

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pose.

When submitting a proposal for this project, Mr. Hair said he had hoped he could do something that would honor Te Ata and her Chickasaw heritage.

"I have admired Native American cultures and peoples since I was a very young boy," he said. "I have a heart for Native people. My first monumental commission was for the Miccosukoo Tribe of Florida."

Few Oklahomans have garnered as much attention around the world as Te Ata. She was recognized for a lifetime of achievement by governors, presidents and kings. Born Mary Thompson, she graduated from Oklahoma College for Women (now Science and Arts) with a degree in drama. She went to New York where she appeared on the stage.

She later left traditional theatre and starred on the Chautauqua circuit where she presented a one-woman show dressed in buckskin while she acted out legends, songs and the history of Indian tribes in a striking and elegant manner.

But even with his history with Native American culture and history, Mr. Hair said he was not familiar with Te Ata or what she had accomplished as a Chickasaw woman.

"I was not familiar with Te Ata, but after reading her life story I was filled with admiration and compelled to create a masterwork of this beautiful and talented Chickasaw woman," he said. "I love her independent spirit."

The Te Ata sculpture started with a small scale version in clay. That piece will serve as the model for a nine-foot clay piece from which rubber molds will be made. The mold will be sent to a casting foundry where it will be finished in bronze.

The Science and Arts statue project began with a gift from Oklahoma College for Women alumnus Nan Bilbry Willett and her husband, John.

"My mother graduated from there and I started attending various productions there when I was just four or five," Mrs. Willett said. "My mother knew Te Ata. The other alumni and I felt that if Te Ata was going to be memorialized, it needed to be on our campus."

The sculpture will be located south of Alumni Chapel in a prominent place visible to campus residents and visitors.

"I hope it symbolizes her brave and brilliant spirit," Mr. Hair said. "It took a lot of love and courage for Te Ata to bring Native American culture to appreciative European Americans. I am honored to have a sculpture in Oklahoma, the true heart of indigenous America."

CONTRIBUTED BY Deborah Large, Public Affairs.

OKLAHOMA BUSINESS WEEK

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are leaders. You are leaders today and leaders with a future."

Made possible through a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and East Central, Oklahoma Business Week is a week-long camp that introduces young leaders to the world of business.

Students are divided into teams, referred to as "companies." Companies compete against one another in a simulated business challenge. Each company envisions a product and devises an advertising, marketing and sales plan.

The student companies met for regular business and board meetings, brainstorming sessions and teambuilding activities. Students interacted with community leaders and business professionals who served as mentors and advisors.

On the final day of competition, campers participated in a trade show at East Central's new Chickasaw Business and Conference Center. Community businessmen and women posed as potential investors, visited with each company and heard sales pitches. A winner was determined by investment dollars received.

Chickasaw citizen and Business Week camper Ashlyn Detamor, of Norman, Okla., said she appreciated the challenge and information gained from the trade show experience.

"The trade show was a little bit of a challenge, but it was a healthy challenge," Ashlyn said. "It was about knowing how to advertise, how to market and how to interact with investors.

"This experience has been more helpful than I could have ever imagined coming into it."

In his address to students, Gov. Anoatubby drew on his experience as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to illustrate the important roles teamwork, leadership and passion play in any successful enterprise.

"To accomplish such success, it has taken a careful plan, creativity and a great leadership teams, he said.

"We still have more to do. We all desire a prosperous future for the next generation. We have embraced teamwork and partnership as guiding philosophies and keys to our progress."

Second-year participant and Chickasaw citizen Joshua Tingle, of Sulphur, Okla. served as a junior company advisor for the 2013 session.

"Oklahoma Business Week showed me how to run a business," Joshua said. "But, the biggest takeaway from my experiences, is how to work with people."

Mikayla Orr, a Chickasaw citizen from Edmond, Okla., said her Business Week experience had taught her about the leadership skills necessary to become a successful business professional.

"I've learned not only how to run a business, but major leadership skills that will be beneficial all throughout my life," Mikayla said. "How to be an individual, how to be more outgoing, how to put myself out there.

"This week at Oklahoma Business Week has been amazing. It has been an experience unlike any other."

The Great Plains Region of the Association for Continuing Higher Education recently recognized Oklahoma Business Week with the Exceptional Program Award for Best Conference in the region.

For more information about Oklahoma Business Week, visit www.okbusweek.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Miranda Elliott, Public Affairs.

About Oklahoma Business Week

Eighty-five students from Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas participated in this year's Oklahoma Business Week, up from 65 last year. Thirty student leaders in the program were of Chickasaw heritage.

As members of the overall winning team, "In the Black," Chickasaw students Ashley Landrum, Kelby Williams and Rachel Wade took home $1,000 East Central University scholarships and a laptop computers.

Chickasaw citizens on team "Gold Play," the second place winner, were Lynsi Stanley, Dixie Taylor, Tanner Jack and Tristen Wood.

Members of team "Gold Play" received $500 scholarships and Android tablets or phones.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

A good idea, and a plan of action, can lead to great rewards

A good idea can make things better for many people. A great idea can revolutionize a society.

Sometimes, it takes a little time and experimentation to hit on just the right idea, at the right time and in the right place. We sometimes have ideas we consider "can't miss," but when we insert them into the real world, they will occasionally meet with failure. Things don't always turn out the way we expect. But the lessons we learn from our unsuccessful attempts help us as we move forward. The key is to keep thinking and coming up with new ideas. You will hit on a great one eventually!

We are greatly blessed at the Chickasaw Nation to have a tribe with an exceptional commercial operation. Our businesses are growing and we are continually looking at new ways to expand and make things better. The best news is that our businesses provide the resources we require to provide the wide array of programs and services Chickasaws enjoy.

And our businesses have benefited from Chickasaws and others coming up with great ideas, which are then developed into great businesses.

Prior to our commercial emergence in the 1990s, the Chickasaw Nation was very dependent on the federal government for its scarce programs and services. There were no tribal businesses or other entities that might conceivably contribute to the tribe's dreams.

The Chickasaw people could access only limited education, housing, health care, nutrition and other programs. But, we all shared the belief things could get better if we built on our cultural foundation of perseverance and achievement.

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

During the 1970s and 1980s, we learned how to better access and utilize the federal funds on which we depended for basic services. We became familiar with representatives and officials who could assist us in our efforts to provide more robust programs and services for Chickasaws.

It became clear we could not, over time, sustain the hearty and expansive programs and services we envisioned with federal dollars alone. For Chickasaw people to really take that big "leap" into the unparalleled success we envisioned, the Chickasaw Nation would have to grow.

Growth, to us, equaled self-sufficiency and opportunity for Chickasaws. We had some good ideas and, probably, a great one or two! We chose the path of tribal commercial expansion with the goal of a vibrant and self-sufficient nation dedicated to improving the lives of its people.

Our growth was not without its setbacks. Those who make their livings in business know the keys to success most often lie in an organization's ability to adapt and respond to challenges. We learned to adapt and base our decisions on the market environment and how best to propel our growth.

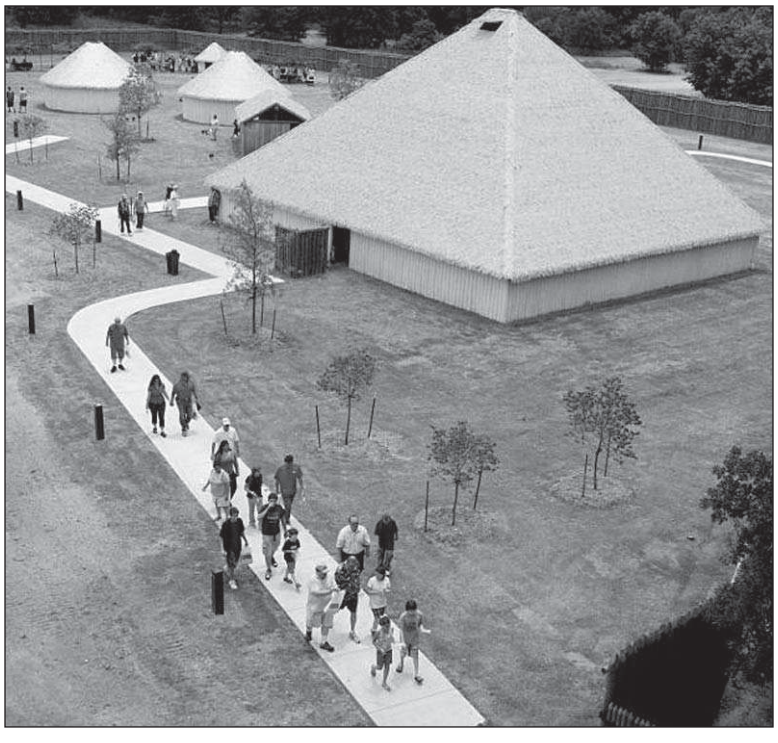
In the 1990s, we began to break through and hit our stride. We built our businesses on good ideas that took into account the realities of what was available to us. We worked to utilize any advantages we perceived, and we followed through. Our management team, built from within, has been a strong and essential pillar in our success.

It is with great pride that we point to our successes in business. However, the real proof of our success is the new Chickasaw university graduate; the very best health care; Chickasaw elders gathering for a nutritious meal and fellowship; the greatest opportunities for personal success and happiness.

Together we have accomplished much, and together the opportunities for future service are limitless.

Children's Festival, movies, lectures during July

Chickasaw Cultural Center celebrates third anniversary



Chickasaw Cultural Center visitors explore the structures of the Traditional Village area.

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center opened its doors in July 2010 and has now welcomed more than 160,000 guests from around the world.

Located on 109 acres in Sulphur, the Chickasaw Cultural Center is an interactive museum that guides visitors through the living history and culture of the Chickasaw people. With showcases, interactive media stations and hands-on classes, the Cultural Center has consciously departed from the traditional museum "displays under glass" format to provide visitors with a deep connection to Chickasaw culture.

"Chickasaw people of all ages and walks of life worked together for years to realize the dream of a distinctive place reflective of the spirit and imagination of the Chickasaw people," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We are thrilled so many people from around the world have already responded by coming to the cultural center to learn about our culture and way of life."

An exciting new addition to the Chickasaw Cultural Center is the living village. Each weekend throughout the summer the Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village comes to life as the living history performers re-enact Chickasaw life of the 1750s. The program offers interactive activities for all ages including basket making, hide tanning, archery, traditional children's games, craft and pottery demonstrations and stickball games.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center has several exciting events planned during the month of July.

Children's Festival

The Children's Festival is set for Saturday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will feature a day of fun filled activities for the entire family.

Children will enjoy arts and crafts, experience live storytelling, learn to play a traditional game and a special horticultural demonstration.

Movies at the Chickasaw Cultural Center

Don't miss your chance to see your favorite movies on a four story screen! The Chickasaw Cultural Center will be showing movies every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Anoli' Theater. Tickets are $2 for children, $3 for adults or $5 combo package, which includes a ticket, popcorn and a soda.

July Movie Schedule:

July 2: *Cinderella*
July 9: *Casablanca*
July 16: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
July 23: *Pitch Perfect*
July 30: *Back to the Future*

Lecture Series

The Chickasaw Cultural Center lecture series will present "Boarding Schools," Wednesday, July 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Anoli' Theater presented by Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham.

On July 24 and 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department will present "Stomp Dancing" in the Anoli' Theater.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is open Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday: noon to 5 p.m. It is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130, or online at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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Sovereignty of U.S., Chickasaw Nation inextricably linked

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

When most Americans hear the word freedom, especially during the month of July, they automatically think of Independence Day.

July 4, 1776 - when 56 visionary men signed the Declaration of Independence drafted by Thomas Jefferson announcing the colonies separation from Great Britain.

Nations are born in many different ways. Some through military rebellion, some through civil conflict, and others due to differences between the defenders of the old and supporters of the new.

Our nation was no exception. No member of the Second Continental Congress could have foreseen the impact their need for freedom would have on world history and the development and growth of democracy.

That single act would catapult a young nation into becoming the most powerful country in the world. Yet throughout history the cost of freedom has come at a high price.

Being born in America - and on July the 4th no less - has always afforded me the right to choose, the right to religious freedom, the right to freedom of speech and a host of other liberties I have taken for granted. Not until I had became an adult did I realize how fortunate I was to be living in the United States of America.

I later realized that the Chickasaw Nation demonstrates its own freedom by being "a nation within a nation." Our sovereignty is a liberty that our native forefathers felt was worth fighting for and I am grateful that on both accounts the citizens well being came first.

God bless you and God bless the United States of America and the Chickasaw Nation.

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Panola seniors enjoy Western U.S. trip, Grand Canyon

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

There is never a dull moment in the Panola District! The month of June was extremely busy. Early on, Neva Hodge and I had a bread making session with Joan Lenox. It was like being in home economic class at school. When we first arrived, Joan (pronounce Joann) served fresh fried bread with homemade chocolate icing. Oh my, was that good! Neva and I had our own utensils and bread making supplies and Joan instructed us on the art of making yeast rolls. It was fun and we left there with fresh dinner rolls to serve our families. Yes, I admit a few of the rolls were gone before I reached the house! If you are interested in Joan's yeast roll recipe, call or email me.

I have an exciting up date about the 1965 Bloomfield picture featured in the May article. One of the ladies has been identified as Ms. Opal Harwood Gentry. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee, Emma Colbert Fitch. Thank you to Mrs. MN Austin, her niece for sharing that information.

The Panola District Seniors have been on the move again! Recently returning from an exciting summer vacation to the Grand Canyon and other points of interest. They hosted their final fundraising dinner the night before they left. It was a record breaker, with the seniors serving over 200 Indian Tacos. Panola District elders who joined in the vacation activities were Larry and Katrinka Skinner, Harold and Kay Anders, James and Carol Dodson, Vernon and Margaret Hunt and Panola Center manager, Cathy Bodine. These trips are such a blessing and a memory maker for all who attend.

"He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not move out of place forever and ever."
Psalm 104:5
Beth

Seniors from the Panola and Ardmore Centers on their trip to the Grand Canyon.

From left, Neva Hodge, Joan Lenox and Legislator Beth Alexander.

Wherever you live, your tribe wants the very best for you!

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is amazing the number of Chickasaws I meet all over the country!

Where we once all lived in very close proximity, today we are scattered across all 50 states and a number of foreign countries. Chickasaws work in all types of trades and professions and, as we know, our jobs often take us to places that are new to us.

There is a map at the Chickasaw Nation that displays all the 50 states and the number of Chickasaws that live in each state. It is really something!

Most Chickasaws live in Oklahoma, Texas, California and Arizona. However, there are Chickasaws in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Hawaii, Alaska and all the other states as well!

As Chickasaws, we are all bound together by our common heritage. Generations ago, our ancestors lived together and, if you are reading this column, we probably have forebears who knew each other well. They shared a community in which families were intertwined and, as we say today about small towns, "everybody knows everybody!"

In today's world, I meet Chickasaws for the first time - all the time. It may be in Washington or Georgia, North Dakota or Tennessee. But we all share that common, and important, bond.

As your representative, I keep in mind that, while many Chickasaws continue to live and work in the Chickasaw Nation, many more live in cities and towns across the U.S.

I know you are in your community, raising your family, working your job, living your life - and always remembering your Chickasaw heritage.

I am here to help you whenever you need me. Today, our tribe offers so many wonderful opportunities. It makes me very happy when I can guide a fellow Chickasaw to the programs and services that will make his life better.

We many not live in the same town, the same state, or even the same country. But we are all Chickasaw and, as your legislator, it is my privilege to help you with whatever need arises in your life.

There are about 50,000 of us. That's a lot of people, but your tribe in interested in you! Chickasaws aren't simply a number. Each person is a unique individual with his or her own needs and wants. I'm here to help you find your way, and make that really strong connection with your tribe!

As always, thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve you. You are important to me!

Linda

Voting in upcoming election is best way to participate

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everybody,

Chickasaw election season is here!

When you read this edition of *the Chickasaw Times*, the July 8 deadline for voter registration may have come and gone. If no, you can get registered by calling the election commission at 1-888-661-0137 or (580) 310-6411.

For more information, you can send an email to Rita Loder. Her email address is rita.loder@chickasaw.net

If you are unsure about your registration, you can call the election commission to verify.

One of the best indicators that you are registered is if you receive a copy of *the Chickasaw Times* by US mail at your home, in your name.

The ballots will be mailed on Monday, July 15 and the deadline for having the ballots back for counting is July 30, just a short two weeks and one day later. Please return yours as soon as possible.

The time between now and when you receive your ballot can be used in preparation to vote.

I suggest reviewing the incumbents' voting records, which can be found in *the Chickasaw Times*' reports of the legislative sessions. When reviewing the voting records, make sure that the candidate voted in the best interests and needs of the people. Sometimes that requires a "No" vote.

After determining whether or not the incumbent votes independently and in the interest of the people, contact the candidates. Starting with the incumbents, ask them questions about their concerns and plans. Share yours with them and then consider the response, its timeliness and its relevance to you and the interests of your family and friends.

Next, contact the candidates. Their contact information should be in the Special Election edition of *the Chickasaw Times*. Again share your concerns and ask them how their experiences and convictions have prepared them to serve the people.

You will receive campaign mail. Read the literature and compare it with performance. Then, use your vote to hold the candidates accountable.

Lastly, talk to friends, family and people you trust. Discuss the candidates and their performance to determine if they have your best interest and that of the Chickasaw Nation at heart. Know that your ballot is private, confidential and unknown to others, no matter what you've heard.

Voting is our privilege and our responsibility. Most importantly, it is your voice in government. As my grandpa used to say, "If you don't vote, you can't gripe."

Every single vote matters. We have had legislative races decided by as few as three votes!

Typically, only 2,800 to 3,300 of the over 13,000 registered voters of the Pontotoc District will cast ballots in a legislative election. That means that roughly only 25% of the registered voters participate in the election of officials who decide important issues affecting out Nation, our families and our friends.

I am convinced that more voters increase the likelihood that the true will of the people will be expressed.

Please participate in our government. Please VOTE! We will be a better and stronger Nation with your participation.

Respectfully,
Katie

Ideas from Chickasaws are inspiration for new action

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You for giving me the honor to serve as your Chickasaw Tribal Legislator of the Tishomingo District for another term.

During the last several months, I have enjoyed meeting and talking with citizens of the Tishomingo District by phone, in person, by letter and through social media.

I have visited with people from Johnston and Murray County, as well as citizens who live throughout the United States, about their ideas, needs and input on what would help us serve our citizens better.

Your thoughts have inspired me to work hard to achieve as many of these ideas as possible.

Working together, we can and will accomplish these goals.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature and fortunately, being unopposed for the office.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
Tim Colbert
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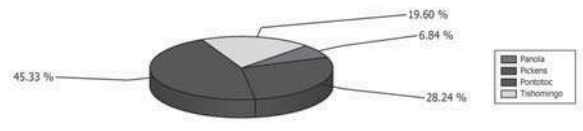
Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,970	Pontotoc	13,062
Pickens	8,138	Tishomingo	5,648
			28,818



This month on CNTV

· The Chickasaw Nation sent several athletes to compete in the Jim Thorpe Native American Games. CNTV was there to capture highlights and interviews.

· CNTV visits the Chickasaw Cultural Center to see Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen deliver a presentation of how the "The Arrival" sculpture was created.

· Two Chickasaw students were recently recognized as co-valedictorians at Sulphur (OK) High School. CNTV sat down with both outstanding students to find out what's next for these academic all-stars.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and 15th of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Our tribe supports families with variety of programs

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, How are you?

This summer, Oklahomans experienced one of the worst tornado seasons on record. Some of our own Chickasaws are still suffering from the losses of their homes, automobiles, and other belongings. Many businesses were also lost, which means jobs and paychecks.

However, as I listen to the stories of those survivors, I hear them, more often than not, expressing sheer gratitude that they "only" lost their homes or possessions and not their lives or their families.

Our families are very important to us. We will work hard and are willing to sacrifice for our families. The Chickasaw Nation has dedicated its resources to building solid families because we know that strong, healthy families benefit whole communities.

The Chickasaw Nation has many programs designed to support and strengthen families. The Child Welfare, Child Support, Foster Care and Adoption Services are programs to protect the youth. The Family Life Centers, CHR Program, Office of Strong Family Development, Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Families, Parenting Classes and Family Preservation all work toward the goal of happy, healthy families capable of remaining sturdy through even the most trying of times.

Through these programs, the Chickasaw Nation continues to actively pursue the strength and prosperity of the family unit as well as the welfare of the communities in which the families live. For more information on these programs, you can visit the website, www.chickasaw.net, and click on Services.

Also, the Youth Clothing Grant application period for the 2013-2014 school year opens July 1. Chickasaw citizens ages three to 18 (through high school seniors) are eligible to apply for the $200 clothing grant once per school year. For more information, call (580) 272-5585.

I hope your family is making time to enjoy the many summer activities provided by the Chickasaw Nation. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy
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Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Symposium provides update on new tribal laws, businesses

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We were blessed with some rain in June even though the summer temperatures are getting warm. And June was a busy month work wise.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Several of us went to San Diego, California for the Community Council meeting and picnic at Santee Park. The picnic was well attended with Chickasaws coming from as far away as Camarillo, California. This is an annual event and information was given regarding services provided by the Chickasaw Nation to citizens who live outside the Nation. I always look for elder Chickasaw veterans and give them applications for the veterans' jacket.

We attended the candidate forum sponsored by the Purcell Community Council at one of the banks. Ice cream and cake were served by the Council members. We also attended the other Community Council meetings in our area. The Oklahoma City annual picnic and auction is always a great event hosted by the OKC Community Council.

We attended the annual Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. The Symposium was well attended as usual and the keynote speaker was Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. I got to visit with her personally. I also bought one of her books and stood in line along with hundreds of folks to get her inscription. Matthew Gore, an attorney in the Division of Justice, was kind enough to take my picture with her. Thank you, Matthew!

The grand entry at the Symposium is always a moving event. All 39 federally-recognized tribes in Oklahoma were represented by their leaders and tribal flags. The Chickasaw flag was presented by Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel. Oklahoma Governor Fallin, Oklahoma Supreme Court Justices and other dignitaries were seated at the head table. It was standing room only, as usual, and many could not find a seat. This was the 15th Symposium I have attended as I believe that it is very important to keep up with changes in the law and current trends of tribal business. It is always refreshing to see state, federal and tribal officials working together for the betterment of all of us.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Legislator Mary Jo Green with Sandra Day O'Connor, retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Justice O'Connor was the first woman appointed to the Court.

Nutrition Services programs critically important to families

Chokma! Greetings from the Pickens District. I hope everyone is happy with the rain we have received and staying cool since the weather turned warm. For the next few months, I will highlight some of the wonderful programs we have available through Nutrition Services. I am so proud of these programs. Most of them are federally funded programs, but from year to year, the funding may or may not be renewed. Nutrition Services stays prepared to be able to continue to offer these services, should funding not be available through the federal programs.

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

WIC FMNP is funded by a federal USDA grant which provides $30 in checks to all eligible WIC participants for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers' markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation from May to December of each year. This program serves approximately 3,200 participants. During the summer of 2012, WIC participants redeemed approximately $50,000 of fruits and vegetables at local farmers' markets and farm stands.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

SFMNP is funded by a federal USDA grant which provides $50 in checks to all eligible Native American Seniors, 55 and older, as well as, non-Native American seniors, 60 and older, who reside in a Native American household, for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers' markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation from May to December of each year. For the federal portion of this grant, participants must meet income guidelines. In addition to the federal funding, SFMNP receives tribal funding which allows Chickasaw seniors 55 and older to qualify for SFMNP regardless of income. Chickasaw participants receive a $100 benefit for the season. In addition, all eligible Chickasaw citizens that are considered 100% disabled receive a $100 benefit. The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program serves approximately 4,500 participants of which 2,700 are Chickasaw. During the summer of 2012, there was a 94% redemption rate resulting in nearly $300,000 of fruits and vegetables that were purchased at local farmers' markets and farm stands.

Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. Jude 1:2

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Pickens District Legislators Shana Tate Hammond and Connie Barker meet with Jason John at the Santee Lakes, Calif., annual picnic in June.

Thanks to Medical Center staff for the new grandbaby!

Chokma,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

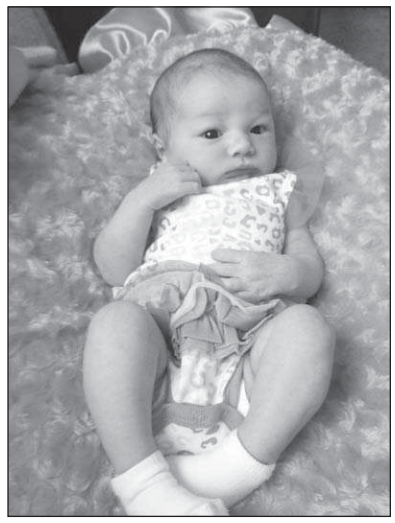
Big News! Afo'si' saya. I am a grandfather, aka Pop Pops. We welcomed Evyn Ann Freeman, our newest addition to the family June 7 at 11:30 p.m. Evyn weighed 8.3 lbs. and measured 20 inches at birth and perfect in every way. If you can't tell already I am very proud and love her very much.

TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I want to recognize the OB/GYN department at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center for the excellent level of care they provided both Evyn and Elizabeth. My wife and daughter went on and on about the facility and the wonderful attitude and care shown by the staff. Thank you very much for the work you do taking care of mothers and precious babies.

I am really looking forward to my upcoming visit to the Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council on July 27. If you are in the Oregon/Washington area, please make plans to come to the event at the Marshall Community Center in Vancouver, I would love to meet and visit with you and your family.



Evyn Ann Freeman

I want to thank the Oklahoma City Council for all their work putting on the summer picnic at the Devon Boat House. It is always great fellowship and it was wonderful to see the kids enjoying themselves on the Oklahoma River.

July is election time in the Chickasaw Nation. Please carefully consider the candidates for election and cast your vote. Ballots will be mailed to Pontotoc and Pickens Districts on July 15, and will be counted July 30, 2013.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

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Texas and California Councils offer warm welcome, input

SCOTT WOOD

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

I recently had a fantastic time visiting a couple of our community councils in Texas and California the last two months. Our community councils are a great opportunity for Chickasaws to visit with their elected officials. I strongly encourage citizens to call your community council representative or the legislative office and find out which councils the legislators will be attending each month. This is the perfect time for you as a Chickasaw to let your voice be heard by one of your legislators. It helps us determine areas of concern or need within the Chickasaw Nation. As with any business we always have to strive to improve for continued success. In other words, there is always room for improvement in certain areas. The input that we get from you is vital in determining on how we can improve and continue to thrive as a Nation.

In May I had the pleasure of visiting the Austin/San Antonio Council in San Marcos, Texas. My friend Charles Holland does an excellent job in organizing the Austin Council. We had a great visit with all the council members from the area. The potluck dinner dishes that everybody prepared were outstanding. It was a pleasure to meet new faces and discuss the future of the Chickasaw Nation. I strongly encourage everyone in the Austin area to get in touch with Charles about future meetings. Charles will have a council/dinner gathering at his home in September. If at all possible try to attend. I know that I will definitely be there.

In June, I was accompanied by my wife Ashley and daughter Cheyenne to San Diego, California and several of the legislators to meet with the Chickasaw West Community Council at Santee Lakes. Sharon Tandy did an outstanding job in organizing everything. Everyone prepared a fantastic meal for us and the visit was great. The weather was wonderful and we could not have asked for a better location. I was surprised to see Hannah Corsello from Tishomingo in attendance. Hannah and her husband were in California visiting her children Jason and Phyllis who were also in attendance. I had a great time visiting with Pallie Hogue and her family. Pallie has numerous family members here in the Tishomingo district. It was a pleasure to meet all my new friends and their families.

I would enjoy seeing citizen turnout at these councils increase. As a Chickasaw citizen, it is important for us as your legislators to hear your thoughts, ideas, and beliefs. That way we are able to determine areas of need in or out of the Chickasaw boundaries.

It is a pleasure and honor to be your legislator! Please feel free to contact me anytime!

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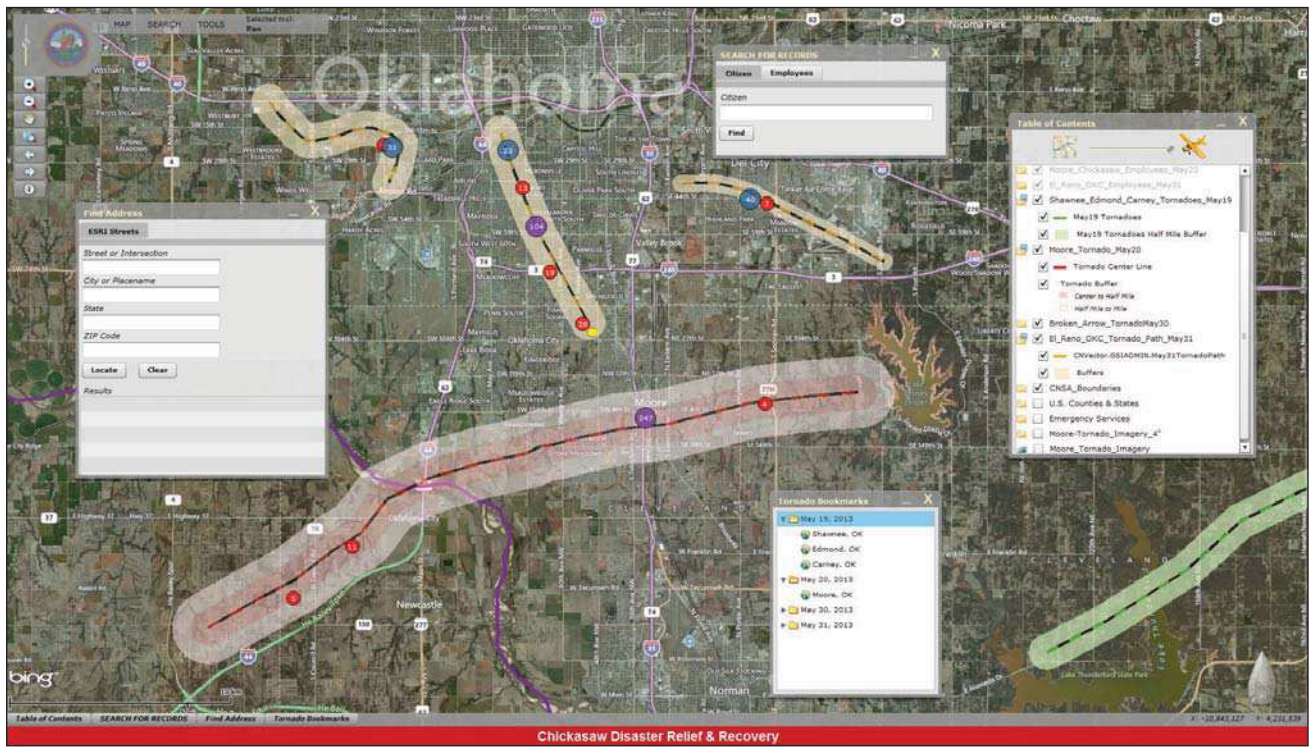
Legislator Scott Wood, fourth from left, with Hannah Corsello, of Tishomingo, Okla., and family at the Chickasaw West picnic.



Detail of a map produced by the Chickasaw Nation Geospatial Information Department in response to the tornados and severe storms that struck Oklahoma in May. The maps helped the tribe locate Chickasaws and Chickasaw Nation employees and determine their conditions and the conditions of their property. The information allowed the tribe to respond quickly to citizens' and employees' assistance needs.

Tribe's Geospatial team maps Chickasaw families, properties impacted by Oklahoma tornado strikes

According to the latest figures released by the National Weather Service Office in Norman, Okla., more than 25 tornadoes ripped a path more than 200 miles long through Oklahoma between May 19 and May 31 of this year.

Several of those tornadoes wrought especially heavy devastation in Moore, Shawnee, Edmond, Broken Bow, El Reno and Oklahoma City. While a great number of Chickasaw citizens and employees were affected by these storms, determining who specifically had been affected offered unique challenges.

That is when staff at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Geospatial Information stepped in. Department personnel sifted through thousands of addresses, geographic coordinates and other data to help locate Chickasaw citizens and employees affected by the storms.

Utilizing state-of-the- art technology, the team created maps showing the size and location of the path of each tornado.

To complete the maps, thousands of addresses were entered into the specialized mapping software. The address data was analyzed based on the tornado path, a process which enabled the team to pinpoint the location of many homes of Chickasaw citizens and employees who lived in the path of a tornado.

The maps proved to be critical assets during the search and recovery process in these areas, helping emergency crews determine actual property locations and identify property owners.

The information was then implemented into a custom built web application and used at the emergency command center to verify addresses and help storm victims. The information was also used to build a database of affected citizens and employees for emergency management teams.

Storm relief workers used this database to assist in efforts to reach out to citizens and employees to ensure they are aware of available services. Chickasaw Nation staff members made contact with numerous citizens in need of assistance. Efforts continue to reach out to citizens using social media, websites, telephone calls, print fliers, direct contact and other means.

Using images obtained by Geospatial, staff emergency management teams were also able to view pre-tornado aerial imagery and compare with post-tornado imagery to assess the damage in specific locations. Several citizens affected by the tornadoes were able to personally pinpoint the location of their homes on these website maps, helping workers understand the extent of the damage suffered.

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Named at 27th Annual Red Earth Festival

Chickasaw artist Daniel Worcester named 'Honored One'

DANIEL WORCESTER

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw artist Daniel Worcester was recently selected 2013 "Red Earth Honored One" during the 27th Annual Red Earth Festival. Mr. Worcester was honored during the Red Earth Festival, June 7-9. This year marked his 20th year to participate in the festival.

Selected annually, the Red Earth Honored One is a Native American master visual artist who has supported and influenced the Native American artistic community and has a continuing involvement and participation in his art form.

"I am humbled and excited to be named as the Honored One," Mr. Worcester said. "Red Earth has a great legacy, and to be recognized along with the other talented artists who have been named the Honored One before me, is very humbling and overwhelming."

An accomplished blade smith, Mr. Worcester uses traditional methods of forging "neo-traditional" art pieces from a variety of materials including dominoes, billiard balls, sterling silver utensils and even old wagon springs.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Worcester's craft offered artistic works that embody Chickasaw culture and heritage.

"Through this work, we can see the beauty of our own Chickasaw traditions," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Mr. Worcester is an exceptional blade smith who brings honor to our tribe and we congratulate him on being named Red Earth's Honored One."

Mr. Worcester, of Ardmore, Okla., also entered artwork that won the Red Earth "President's Award." "Big Fish"- a knife fashioned from a 1930s Ford automobile wrench, billiard balls and dominoes - won the President's Award in the Cultural Items – Utilitarian category. Another Worcester knife, "Cloud," earned first place in the same category.

Mr. Worcester's art was included in the Museum of Arts and Design's traveling exhibit of Native American art, thanks to Red Earth.

As part of the Changing Hands 2 exhibit, a one-of-a-kind Worcester knife was on display in New York, Indiana, Florida, Alaska, and Minnesota, plus the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa.

Ellen Taubman , co-curator of Changing Hands 2, saw Mr. Worcester's work at Red Earth and invited him to be a part of the exhibition.

Since its inception in 1987, Red Earth has been recognized as the region's premier organization for advancing the understanding and continuation of Native American traditional and contemporary culture and arts.

In the 20 years he has participated, Daniel Worcester has watched Red Earth develop and become a nationwide tradition, attracting a variety of talented artists and collectors.

"I am a firm believer that we create our own traditions," he said. "Most of my work is 'neo-traditional.' I like to incorporate found materials with new designs. As long as you incorporate new designs it never gets stale."

Using reclaimed steel from junk yards, old farms implements or coil springs for blades, Mr. Worcester crafts handles from dried corn cobs, dominoes, poker chips, wood and other materials that inspire him.

"I also incorporate sterling silver in almost every knife I make," he said.

Mr. Worcester's work has won many awards at major art shows, including eight first-place awards from the Santa Fe Indian Market in Santa Fe, N.M.

He has participated in many Chickasaw Nation-sponsored events and has shared his knowledge and expertise to programs supporting Chickasaw arts and artists.

Mr. Worcester was inducted in the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2009.

He follows a time-honored tradition of creating artwork for daily use. He also honors his craft by passing his knowledge and skill to younger aspiring artists.

At a young age, Mr. Worcester went to school to learn to make knife blades. As a child, his father D.D. Worcester taught him to make spurs.

Now, his 29-year-old son, James, is carrying on that tradition, and participates in the Southeastern Art Show and Market Show at the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

Despite the accolades and awards, Mr. Worcester doesn't consider himself at the pinnacle of his art work.

"My style has evolved over the years, and it is constantly changing," he said.

Daniel Worcester is the grandson of Arlington Worcester and Nora Colbert, both Chickasaw original enrollees.

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About Red Earth

For over 30 years, Red Earth has been recognized as the region's premier organization for advancing the understanding and continuation of Native American traditional and contemporary culture and arts.

The Red Earth Museum & Gallery in downtown Oklahoma City hosts a diverse and changing schedule of traveling exhibitions and is custodian of a permanent collection of more than 1,400 items of fine art, pottery, basketry, textiles and beadwork – including the Deupree Cradleboard Collection, one of the finest individual collections of its kind in North America.

Visit www.redearth.org for additional information.

Young Chickasaws place at Red Earth

OKLAHOMA CITY - Several young Chickasaw artists were recognized during the James H. and Madalynne Norick Foundation Youth Art competition at the Annual Red Earth Festival. The festival was June 7-9 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

The youth art competition was divided into three divisions: Division 1 featured ages nine-12; Division 2, ages 13-15; and Division 3, ages 16-18.

In Division 1, five young Chickasaws took top honors for their art. Aeneas Freeman placed first in jewelry, first in sculpture and third in cultural items. Rachel Scott placed second in beadwork, Micah Postoak placed second and Nayukpa placed third in painting/drawing/graphics. Placing third in sculpture was Bailey Lollis.

Division 2 winners included cultural item second place winner Pakanli Ramsey, painting/drawing/graphics third place Samantha Perry, Christen Videau placed second in sculpture. Sculpture third place winner Tryston Ingram and Madeleine Freeman placed first in beadwork and second in basketry.

Me Way Seh Greenwood placed third in painting and first in beadwork in the Division 3 youth art competition.

For more information on the Red Earth Organization, visit www.redearth.org.

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DAVID BROWN

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Chickasaw Nation achievements during Brown's tenure in office include publishing the first *Journal of Chickasaw History*, opening successful businesses in Tishomingo and Ardmore, establishing the Chuka Chukmasi Home loan program, beginning the Upward Bound Program at Murray State College, as well as opening a community center in Achille and a senior nutrition site in Allen.

After high school, Mr. Brown served in the military then moved to Los Angeles, where he served as chairman pro tem of the South Bay Indian Services Board of Directors. He also served as vice-chairman of the Los Angeles Indian Center and as chairman of the Long Beach Indian Center.

He studied at Chaffey State College, the University of California and California State University - Los Angeles.

Mr. Brown later returned to Tishomingo, where he lived with his wife, Rhonda (Whittington) Brown, an instructor at Murray State College and a nurse practitioner at the Chickasaw Nation Family Practice Clinic. The Browns have three sons, Jeff, Brandon and Bryant.

Mr. Brown taught as an adjunct instructor at Murray State College. He also served as a member of the state executive committee of the Democratic Party of Oklahoma.

He also served as a board member of the Tishomingo Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Tishomingo Planning Advisory Board. He also served as member of the Ethnic Diversity Council for the City of Ada.

He also served on the Johnson County Industrial Authority and the Literacy Council of Johnston County.

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

'Renewing connection between the people and the Earth'

Kids learn value of soil, insects, water at Environmental Camp

Sean "Cole" Higdon

Ten-year-old Sean "Cole" Higdon is well-versed in plants and compost. He can even name a few beneficial insects, thanks to Chickasaw Nation Environmental Camp.

Strolling among the raised beds of onions, peppers, beans and other crops on a sunny Friday morning at the Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens, Cole and 27 other students paused to pick ripe strawberries and examine a caterpillar.

"This caterpillar is not a bad one because he is fuzzy," Cole explained.

Cole, of Ada, Okla., credits time spent at the unique camp for introducing him to such concepts as mulch, water conservation, gardening and natural pest control.

Designed to enlighten 8-12 year-olds about the world around them, Environmental Camp offers behind-the-scenes tours of facilities, including a municipal water treatment plant, waste water treatment plant, and community gardens, where the group learned about hydroponics, compost and how the facility uses ladybugs for pest control.

Lesson about compost and how it benefits the soil made an impact on the young lives.

"This right here feels like my own garden," said the spunky fourth grader, as he surveyed the community gardens, located southeast of Ada.

The Community Gardens is Cole's's garden - as well as all Chickasaw citizens.

The Community Garden Program is a part of the Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Department. The program is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Chickasaws by providing the tools and training to ensure Chickasaw people have the opportunity to attain healthy and nutritious vegetables.

Workers strive daily to fulfill the mission statement of "renewing the connection between our people and the earth."

Crops such as corn, lettuce, onions, tomatoes and watermelon from the Community Gardens are consumed in the nearby Chickasaw Medical Center and the Cultural Center Café in Sulphur, Okla.

Thousands of tomato, squash and pepper plants are given to Chickasaw elders each spring and the general public can purchase vegetables and vegetable plants at local Farmer's Markets during the summer months.

Shrubs and flowers grown at the gardens are available to Chickasaw homeowners and are used in landscaping at Chickasaw facilities.

Community Gardens, as well as Environmental Camp, reflect the mission of this year's June 5 World Environmental Day observance, with objectives of teaching self-sustaining, earth- friendly concepts to young people.

The theme for this year's World Environment Day celebrations is "Think. Eat. Save."

This campaign discourages food waste and food loss, encourages people to reduce their "foodprint" and to become more aware of the environmental impact of food choices. By purposefully choosing organic foods and locally grown foods can decrease the use of dangerous chemicals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

World Environment Day celebration began in 1972 and has grown to become one of the main vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and encourages political attention and action.

Every year 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. This is equivalent to the same amount produced in the whole of sub-Saharan Africa.

Also, one in every seven people worldwide go to bed hungry and more than 20,000 children under the age of five die from hunger every day.

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About World Environmental Day

Through World Environment Day, the United Nations Environment Program is able to personalize environmental issues and enable everyone to realize not only their responsibility, but also their power to become agents for change in support of sustainable and equitable development.

World Environment Day is also a day to remind people from all walks of life of the need to come together to ensure a cleaner, greener and brighter outlook for themselves and future generations.

Youth Golf Camp draws 140 to WinStar course

Following through on your golf swing usually yields good results.

More than 140 Chickasaw students flocked to WinStar Golf Course in Thackerville, Okla. last month to participate in Chickasaw Youth Golf Camp.

On June 3 and June 4, 77 beginning Chickasaw youth golfers teed up to learn about golf fundamentals.

Sixty-six more seasoned Chickasaw youngsters spend two days at golf camp honing their talents and skill-building.

"We had an excellent turnout this year," Brett Knight, camps and recreation coordinator for Chickasaw Nation Youth Services said.

"We were able to maintain a good ratio of coaches to participants, and our students had the chance to get a lot of great instruction."

In addition, to learning more about golf technique and ettiquette, Mr. Knight hopes golf camp provides Chickasaw youth with an opportunity to gain a greater appreciation for the game itself.

A camper makes some good contact with his iron as fellow campers wait their turns.

"Golf is a sport you can play for a lifetime, and provides important life lessons," Mr. Knight said.

In order to provide Chickasaw youth with opportunities to explore new challenges and develop individual skills, Chickasaw Nation Youth Services organizes a multitude of camps and events throughout the year.

For more information regarding youth camps, visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or call (580) 310-6620.

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Golf campers celebrate another great day on the links.

Chickasaw Press accepting nominations for publication awards

The Chickasaw Press is accepting nominations for the 2013 Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Awards for authors documenting Chickasaw history and culture. Authors of previously unpublished doctoral dissertations, master's theses, articles, and book manuscripts dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards.

Nominations are accepted for the following awards: best unpublished article, best master's thesis, best Ph.D. dissertation and best unpublished manuscript.

The best unpublished article will receive publication in the Chickasaw Historical Society Journal, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $2,000 research stipend, the best master's thesis will receive a visiting scholar fellowship, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $2,000 research stipend, best Ph.D. dissertation will be awarded a visiting scholar fellowship, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $2,000 research stipend and best unpublished manuscript will receive The Holisso Award, publication by the Chickasaw Press, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $2,000 research stipend.

"This awards program is designed to encourage and inspire authors to expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The awards are scheduled to be presented to winners during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony.

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw history and culture. Moreover, the works must be documented, either through the use of footnotes, endnotes or a listing of sources. Nominations must include two copies of the book manuscript, dissertation, thesis, or unpublished article being nominated. Entries should be submitted to Wiley Barnes, Chickasaw Press Director, 124 East 14th Street, Ada, Okla. 74820

Deadline for receipt of nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, August 16, 2013.

For information, call (580) 436-7282.

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White Dog Press

The Chickasaw Press has announced the addition of two new awards for authors in the genres of fiction and poetry. The awards are being announced in conjunction with the unveiling of the Press' new imprint, White Dog Press, which allows the Chickasaw Press to expand its offerings to include fiction, poetry, and children's books, as well as other genres not currently represented under the Chickasaw Press.

Nominations are being accepted for the new Ofi' Tohbi' (White Dog Press) Awards. Authors of previously unpublished creative works dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards.

The following awards are being offered:

Ikbi ("to create") Award for excellence in the area of fictional creative writing including short stories, novels and historical fiction.

Prize: Publication by the White Dog Press and $1,000 Stipend.

Iholba ("vision") Award for excellence in writing children's books, young adult literature and poetry.

Prize: Publication by the White Dog Press and $1,000 Stipend.

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw language, history and culture.

Nominations for the Ofi' Tohbi' Awards are due by 5 p.m. Friday, August 16, 2013.

Entries should be submitted to Wiley Barnes, Chickasaw Press Director, 124 East 14th Street, Ada, Okla. 74820.

For more information call (580) 436-7282.

Nominations sought for 2013 Dynamic Woman of the Year

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities by Aug. 2, 2013.

Established in 2006, the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role-models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions that the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Only Chickasaw women, ages 35 and older, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation Citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) are eligible. Women who are currently serving as a Chickasaw elected official or in an appointed position of the Executive Branch are not eligible.

Women who are considered for this award are those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

For a nomination form or more information, please contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Ready for a little summer art? Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts Department has the right class for you

The Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts Department provides technical arts instruction for lifelong learners and assists emerging young artists.

Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts instructor Gwen Postoak instructs students in bubble wrap art techniques. During the summer the Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts Department teaches summer art classes to school-aged children.

School children are eligible to receive art education as it relates to the Priority of Academic Student Skills (PASS) and will address Common Core Standards. Arts integration instruction is also provided through workshops for educators and in-service programs for staff development.

Department staffers provide arts activities and serve as a technical resource.Services provided are typically above and beyond those offered the schools.

These services develop students' skills and knowledge in visual arts and traditional American Indian art forms and are taught by experienced Oklahoma certified art instructors.

The Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts Department has several exciting upcoming opportunities.

Chickasaw School of Guitar

The Chickasaw School of Guitar is seeking new students. The school provides guitar lessons to interested youth, ages 12 to 18. Classes are free to accepted Chickasaw youth applicants and others as room allows. Classes are available for beginners and intermediate level musicians. The one-hour guitar lessons are for beginners on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. and intermediate at 4 p.m. during the summer months.

Chickasaw Children's Choir

The Chickasaw Children's Choir applications are available now. Students, ages six through 17, who want to learn more about vocal music and performance are encouraged to apply. First practice in Ardmore will be August 19 and August 20 will be the first rehearsal in Ada.

Direct School Service Application

Direct school service is provided to public schools through the direct service application process. Schools may apply to receive the following services: teacher in-services and workshops, Johnson O'Malley art clubs, after school arts enrichments, mini-festivals and American Indian art forms.

The Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts Department is located inside the division of arts and humanities building located at 201 North Broadway, Ada, Okla. For applications and more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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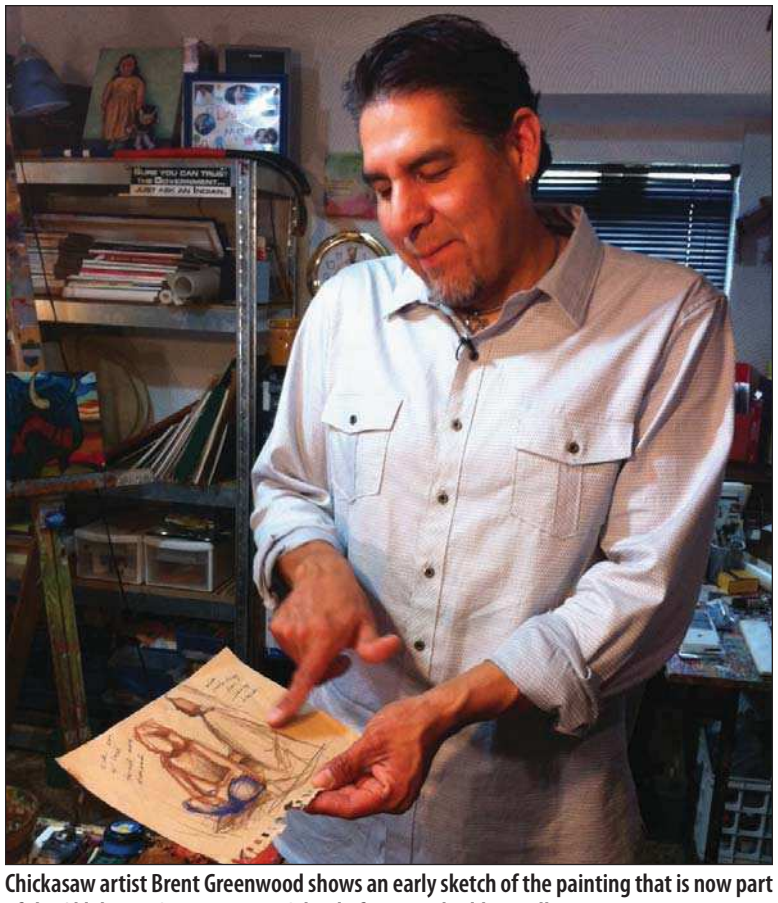
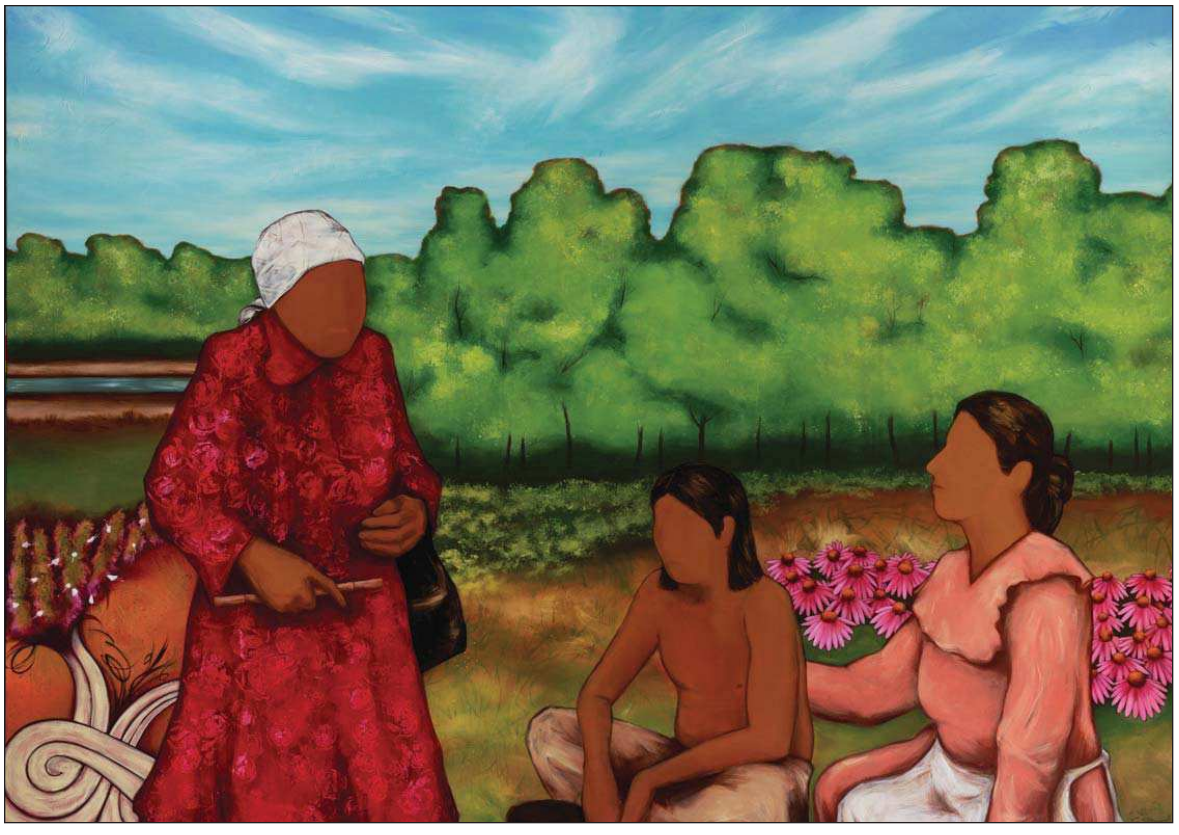
'The Healer' in OCU School of Nursing

Unique, appealing style of Brent Greenwood graces halls of OCU



Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood shows an early sketch of the painting that is now part of the Oklahoma City University School of Nursing building collection.



'The Healer'

OKLAHOMA CITY - Anytime an artist is commissioned to do a piece for a specific building or event, it is an honor. For Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood, being asked to produce art for a new building on the campus of his alma mater was especially gratifying.

"The fabulous painting honors the Chickasaw Nation and has a commanding presence on the third floor of the Kramer School of Nursing at OCU," Oklahoma City University president Robert Henry said. "We love the painting, and the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaws!"

Mr. Greenwood said President Henry had seen examples of his art. The two got together and discussed ideas for a painting at the new nursing school building.

"He wanted a piece that reflected Chickasaw heritage and that dealt with healing," Mr. Greenwood said. "I always knew that most of the Indian doctors were women. The Chickasaw people are really progressive. And, he wanted a woman for this piece."

Mr. Greenwood started the project by locating old pictures of Chickasaw women healers and began sketching ideas.

"The women had a look about them," he said. "Some even thought they were witches because they had the knowledge to heal. They had the knowledge of herbs and nature."

Once Mr. Greenwood started the researching and sketching process, he said ideas started popping. He used images of Chickasaw healer Bicey Walker and even his own grandmother as inspiration for the focal part of the piece.

Using a 5'x7' canvas, Mr. Greenwood said he began creating the piece that is now displayed at the nursing school building.

"I wanted to go big," he said. "I wanted to show what and how (the healing) happened. I wanted to show a woman comforting a sick boy."

It was always astounding to him, Mr. Greenwood said, to hear first-hand accounts of how people were doctored and that it really did happen in this way.

"With this painting, I wanted to show that connection," he said. "I wanted the message to be about her, about the healing power of the human."

He also wanted to show nature in the painting, and how Native healers relied on nature in many ways. The painting includes images of rocks, herbs, plants and flowers as ingredients of healing used by these women.

"People still have an understanding of this knowledge," Mr. Greenwood said. "It is comforting to know if I have a sore throat or something simple, I can use this knowledge. It's a link from the modern to the past, from medical technology to Native past."

In addition to the images, the Chickasaw artist said another important feature of the painting was its color.

"I love color," he said. "Color shows vibrancy and brings out the life."

In total, it took Mr. Greenwood two months to create this piece for the university.

"As a graduate, it is awesome that I have a painting there," he said. "It is very humbling to have something alongside the other artists in the permanent collection. The pride I have in the Chickasaw people comes out in that piece, but it relates to all people. I'm grateful for the opportunity."

A graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts, Mr. Greenwood earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from OCU in 1997.

He was selected by the Chickasaw Nation in 2011 as the Music Festival's featured artist, and the 2010 Oklahoma Native Tourism Guide's cover artist. Also in 2010, he and his wife, Kennetha, were selected as National Indian Parents of the Year by the National Indian Education Association.

Mr. Greenwood will be sharing his artistic talents this summer at the Chickasaw arts academy. For more information on Greenwood, his art and life, visit www.brentgreenwood.com.

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Helicopter saw extended action in Korea

Chickasaw warrior tradition honored by Sikorsky UH-19B

Over the centuries many unique and distinguished places and things have been named in honor of the Chickasaw Nation. Towns, counties, companies, ships and aircraft have carried the name "Chickasaw."

Named for the fighting spirit of the Chickasaw people, the Sikorsky UH-19B Chickasaw helicopter (UH-19B) is one such item.

Since its maiden flight in 1949, the Chickasaw helicopter has served all branches of the U.S. armed forces, as well as foreign forces. Its primary function was transport and rescue operations. It was the world's first transport helicopter with an enclosed body used to carry passengers and cargo.

"The UH-19B was one of the first helicopters adapted by the Army," said James Stemm, curator of collections at the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson, Ariz. "The helicopter had enough lift capacity to haul a number of people. It was one of the first modern styles of helicopters in use."

The engineering of the Sikorsky Chickasaw helicopter was groundbreaking for its time. The engine is mounted in its nose. This design allows the main cabin space, its center of gravity, free for payload and various configurations of the aircraft. Maintenance is easy and often could be done in the field without special equipment.

As a rescue helicopter, the UH-19B carried six litters and one medical assistant. One variation of the rescue helicopter is fitted with a hoist capable of lifting 400-pounds. This hoist is mounted above sliding doors to allow rescues from inhospitable terrain or ships at sea where landings are not possible.

During its years of service from 1950 to approximately the mid-1960s, the UH-19B Chickasaw was a supply workhorse for the military. In this role, the helicopter was fitted with an external sling capable of hauling 2,000 pounds. Food, ammunition and light fighting vehicles could be quickly hauled from one location to another.

The Sikorsky Chickasaw was the first to fly combat airlift missions. During the Korean War, the U.S. Marine Corps used the UH-19B in this way.

The UH-19B Chickasaw has an iconic look. The version pictured was used by the U.S. Air Force for search and rescue missions.

Combat personnel and cargo were dispatched to areas of rugged terrain or intense fighting where traditional resupply operations could not be carried out.

The UH-19B was the U.S. Army's first dedicated transport helicopter. The qualities and benefits employed during the Korean War were later to be the basis of innovative fighting doctrines known as air mobility and air assault. These are still in use by the military.

More than 1,200 Chickasaw helicopters were produced by Sikorsky Aircraft. The production design was licensed to other helicopter manufacturing companies in various countries. These included Mitsubishi of Japan and Westland Aircraft of United Kingdom. In all, more than 30 countries used variants of the Sikorsky Chickasaw helicopters in military and civilian roles.

The UH-19B began being phased out during the mid-1960s by the U.S. military. It continued to see limited duty in other countries. Today, the UH-19B can be seen at one of the many aviation museums across the country or in air shows flown by aviation enthusiasts.

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About Sikorsky Aircraft

Established in 1925 by the aviator legend Igor Sikorsky, the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation is a world leader in the design and manufacture of military and commercial helicopters.

Sikorsky helicopters are estimated to have saved more than two million lives since 1944, and continue to be used by all five branches of the U.S. military.

Today, Sikorsky continues to be a primary manufacturer of U.S. military helicopters. The company is currently the primary contractor for the Army's and Navy's legendary Black Hawk and Sea Hawk helicopter designs.

Variants of these designs are used in many missions. These include search and rescue, personnel transport, cargo lifts and maritime anti-mine missions.

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Annual Aviation Academy focuses on learning, fun

Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy students fly high

Tres Ring explains the finer details of his rocket to a young Chickasaw student at Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy, conducted in Ada last month. Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. – When Chickasaw Tres Ring, of Collierville, Tenn., decided to spend one week at Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy, he thought he could broaden his horizons.

The 18-year-old had never attended any sort of "science camp" and hoped it would provide an opportunity to explore career and life opportunities.

"I decided to apply for CNASA because I thought it may help me decide a college major," he said while taking a break launching rockets at the academy's culmination Friday, June 14.

Mr. Ring was right.

He was one of 38 students who participated in the 11th annual Space and Aviation Academy. Students, ages 10-18, worked on several "hands-on" activities throughout the week including designing airplane wings, building rockets, and maneuvering quad copters.

While in the midst of these hands-on activities, students learn the basics of aerodynamics and some math and physics.

Sparking an interest in space and aviation careers while exploring different opportunities is an objective of CNASA, Chickasaw Nation Education executive officer Danny Wells said.

> *"CNASA is a great way to learn about different career fields."*
> Chickasaw Tres Ring

"CNASA is important – it creates an interest in science, technology and math as a career," he said. "We introduce students to careers in aviation, space and flight."

Mr. Ring learned about a new possible vocation: air traffic controller.

"We learned about air traffic controllers," he said. "I didn't even know what that was before this academy. CNASA is a great way to learn about different career field."

When asked if he learned any concepts at CNASA he can use in the future he chuckled, "I learned how a wing works, how an airplane flies."

Mr. Ring plans to apply to the U.S. Naval Academy and Vanderbilt University after high school graduation.

Learning Through Fun

Hands-on activities, including building and testing rockets, can lead to problem solving.

Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy students Colton Gold, back seat, and Jarrett Ellis, co-pilot's seat, prepare to take off at CNASA. Flying in an airplane is a student favorite at the academy.

Trina Cooper, of Lawton, Okla., gets assistance lighting a rocket fuse at Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy, conducted in Ada last month. Trina was one of 38 students who designed and built rockets and other engaging projects during the week-long academy.

The last day of CNASA, students took turn testing rockets they built from a kit.

Some soared very high, some made modest streaks across the sky and some didn't fly at all.

Students would diagnose problems, tweak the rocket and try to fly it again.

"It's learning process throughout, and if it doesn't work, you have to try something new, Mr. Wells said.

"Fun, hands-on activities create an interest in science can encourage students to pursue engineering degree."

CNASA also offered plenty of thrills, especially when the students flew in an aircraft at Tulsa's Riverside Airport. A few students were even able to pilot the plane, including Andrea Underwood, 11, of Ada.

"The pilot let us fly the plane and it was really cool."

Mr. Wells said he hoped students return to school next term with a new view on school subjects which may not interested them prior to attending the academy.

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About CNASA

Open to Chickasaw students, CNASA is packed with fun and educational activities which incorporate science and math into the curriculum.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the ninth-annual academy was developed to encourage young people to consider careers in science, mathematics and technology.

"We want to inspire these students to set their goals high and work hard to achieve their dreams," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This academy, along with the FIRST robotics program and other educational ventures help expand students' horizons."

Students from all around the state and Nation attend the camp.

The CNASA program was established in 2003 and takes place each June. The academy is open to Chickasaw students grades five through 12.

For more information about CNASA, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

Camp Survivor kids commune with nature, eat right, stay fit

Camp Survivor campers and counselors spent five days in late May enjoying the outdoors and learning about nutrition, fitness and getting along with others.

DAVIS, Okla. - More than 100 children ages 9-13 participated in the 10th annual Chickasaw Nation Camp Survivor May 27 – 31 at YMCA Camp Classen in Davis.

The outdoor camp promotes healthy lifestyles through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive atmosphere. Cooperation and character building are emphasized.

Camp Survivor activities included wall climbing, canoeing, fishing, archery, stickball, challenge courses and everyone's favorite activity, swimming.

Aside from the activities, campers were provided healthy snacks and meals and also learned how to properly read nutrition labels to emphasize the importance of both exercise and nutrition.

Camp participants were divided into teams to work together toward the goal of becoming the overall team champion at week's end. This year's champion was team Hommayyi (purple).

"The kids really enjoy it," manager and camp leader Allen Elliott said. "This is a great event. I heard one kid say 'you can't describe Camp Survivor, you have to experience it.'"

The camp, sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Health and Youth and family, engages volunteers from various Chickasaw Nation departments as camp counselors.

Though many counselors had been to previous camps, all went through an introductory "staff day camp" to prepare for the week.

Mr. Elliott said the camp was just as much fun for the counselors as it is for the campers.

"The counselors build relationships with the children during the week and they both have experiences that will last a lifetime," he said.

Even a weather scare couldn't stop the fun.

"That tornado warning was a great example of why Camp Survivor is so strong," Mr. Elliott said. "There were so many volunteers with different backgrounds working so well together to make sure the children were safe and sheltered.

"It really showed the strength of the counselors as individuals and as a group."

This year's camp included special guest speaker Dr. Scout Lee. Dr. Lee shared her experiences as a contestant on the popular TV show "Survivor."

This year's co-winners of the Favorite Male Counselor award were Oscar Gore and Shane Richardson. Megan Galbreaith took home the award for Favorite Female Counselor.

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Campers participate in a game of stickball at Camp Survivor. Stickball was just one of many activities going on throughout the week.

Camp Survivor favorite counselors with their recognition plaques. From left, Shane Richardson, Oscar Gore and Megan Galbreaith.

Family Reunion

In Memory of our parents and grandparents Otto and Lillie Brown

The Family of Otto and Lillie Brown invite all to attend the celebration of Love, Laughter and the Lord's Blessing August 3, 2013 at Deer Creek Lodge #6 in Davis, Okla.

Come and join for family and fun talk of old times and catch up on the new.

For more information call Larry and Kathren Brown at (580) 657-3170.

Family Reunion

for families of Pearline Alberson and John Billy

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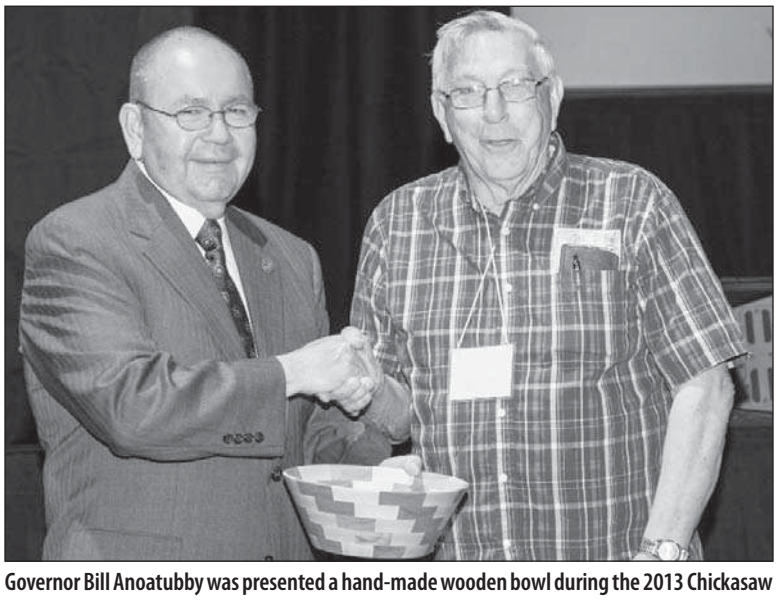
For more information contact Virginia Aguilar at (580) 332-8676.

Chickasaw elders gather at WinStar for conference



Governor Bill Anoatubby was presented a hand-made wooden bowl during the 2013 Chickasaw Elders Conference by Donnel Somers, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Chickasaw elders gather at the WinStar World Casino for the 20th annual Chickasaw Elders Conference.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. – Chickasaw elders were encouraged to "Unleash the Power of Age" during the 20th annual Chickasaw Elders Conference, at WinStar World Casino, May 20-21.

Governor Bill Anoatubby kicked off the two-day event, welcoming 230 elders and updating the group on tribal events, improvements and facilities.

"This conference is an example of your importance to the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This is an opportunity for elders from across the country to gather, enjoy the fellowship and learn about our great tribe. You are a vital part of our mission."

The tribe, Gov. Anoatubby said, had recently opened new senior sites in Ardmore, Colbert and Connerville, and would continue to promote elder benefits.

"We have so much to be thankful for and we have been truly blessed," Gov. Anoatubby said. "But, we have many more items to accomplish. We work very hard to improve the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

Immediately following Gov. Anoatubby's welcome, he was presented a hand-made wooden bowl by Donnel Somers, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Aging provides valuable information to Chickasaw seniors during the conference. A variety of subjects and issues are discussed and explored.

While some were attending for the first time, a few had made it to all 20 elder conferences.

"I come to these as much as I can," said Orlie Willis, of Lubbock, Texas. "It's great to see some people I haven't seen in a long time."

Mr. Willis, like many others who travel long distances to attend the event, was "happy to have the chance to come home."

Elders heard updates regarding services, including historic preservation, health and language. Presentations about the Oklahoma AARP, Chickasaw language and culture and the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police were also included.

The Chickasaw Elders Conference was presented in conjunction with national Older Americans Month. Older American Month was established in 1963 by the U.S. Department of Health Human Services Administration on Aging to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older citizens to the country.

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Commercial operations trending up; health investment over $14m

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $13.7 million for the month and $101 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $9.1 million for the month and $73.4 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February totaled $780.2 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $189.4 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $92.4 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2013, the tribal government funds had $221.5 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $20.4 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $127.7 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of May 31, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.589 billion.

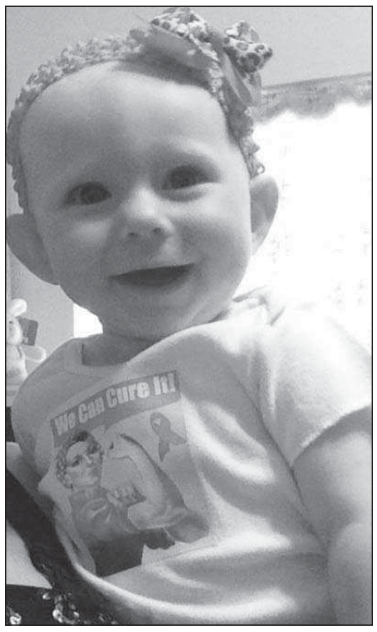
Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	4,515,044	780,255,987	784,771,031
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		97,012,361	(97,012,361)	-
Total funds available		101,527,405	683,243,626	784,771,031
Expenditures				
General government		8,935,764		8,935,764
Legislature		1,745,429		1,745,429
Judiciary		783,609		783,609
Education		13,091,489		13,091,489
Heritage Preservation		10,429,723		10,429,723
Health		14,260,756		14,260,756
Youth and Family Services		6,470,084		6,470,084
Nutrition Programs		3,795,238		3,795,238
Regulatory		6,001,507		6,001,507
Assistance Programs		7,884,776		7,884,776
Gaming expense			425,372,999	425,372,999
Other businesses' expense			165,409,668	165,409,668
Total expenditures		73,398,375	590,782,667	664,181,042
Increase in net assets		28,129,030	92,460,958	120,589,988
Beginning net assets		658,377,723	810,471,469	1,468,849,192
Ending net assets	$	686,506,753	902,932,428	1,589,439,181

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
May 31th, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	221,590,925	127,781,662	349,372,587
Receivables		29,438,995	68,088,286	97,527,281
Inventory		120,036	7,850,551	7,970,587
Prepaid expenses			14,225,188	14,225,188
Other Assets			1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets		436,515,501	826,896,807	1,263,412,308
Less payables		(1,158,704)	(143,112,565)	(144,271,269)
Net Assets	$	686,506,753	902,932,428	1,589,439,181

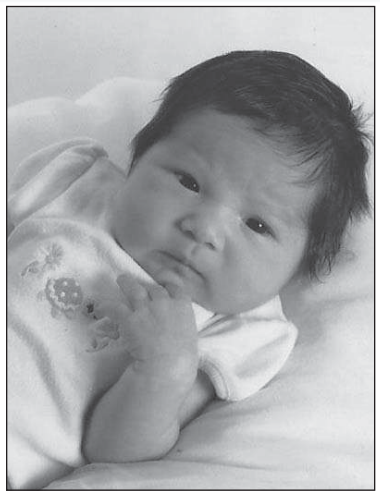
BIRTHS



Zoey Jaymae Covington

Zoey Jaymae Covington was born Jan. 15, 2013 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Chris and Jennifer Covington, of Ada, Okla., and is welcomed by a sister, Abby.

She is the granddaughter of Wally and Carolyn Covington, of Marlow, Okla., and Jay and Jan Hudson, of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Arthur and Oletha Covington, of Marlow and Rena Hendrix Wood, of Stratford, Okla., Ted and Glynnda Hudson, of Ada, and Jimmie Nell Chiles, of Ada.



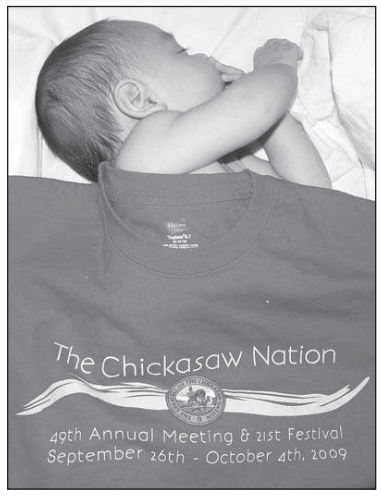
Eliana Sinneechee Reveles

Eliana Sinneechee Reveles was born at 9:59 p.m., April 23, 2013 at Integris Canadian Valley Hospital, Yukon, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 20.5 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Karen Fish and Carmello Reveles Sr., of El Reno, Okla.

Her proud grandparents are Willie and Sue Fish, of Norman, Okla.

She has four uncles, William Fish, Jered Fish and Eric Fish, all of Norman, and James Reveles of El Reno. Her aunts are Caroline Reveles and Dena Reveles, of Stillwater, Okla., and Rosa Tohee, of Red Rock, Okla.



Anton G. Traphagen

Anton G. Traphagen was born March 2, 2013. He is the son of Myles B. and Martha G. Traphagen.

He is the grandson of Joe and Jan Dixon, of Peoria, Az., and the great-grandson of the late Leona Steelman.

Branden Burris Icenhour

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Icenhour announce the birth of their son, Branden Burris Icenhour.

Branden was born 11:44 a.m., Nov. 28, 2012 at Greenville, S.C. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 21.5 inches at birth.

He has an older brother, Barrett James Icenhour.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Charlene Burris and the great-grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Mary Houck and the late Paul "Buddy" Burris and Mrs. Betty Burris.

Bentley Ryan Schwabe

Bentley Ryan Schwabe was born at 6:59 a.m. October 29, 2012 at Sutter Amador Hospital, Jackson, Calif. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. at birth.

He is the son of F. Wesley Schwabe and Brittany Mohr, of Plymouth, Calif.

He is the grandson of W. Forrest and Carol Schwabe, of Plymouth. He is the great-grandson of Barbara (Lewis) and the late Mozell Wagner, of Plymouth, and the great-great-grandson of the late Edmon Lewis, an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation, and the late Gurtha Lewis.

Annette Mayes-Malone completes GED

Annette (Deedee) Mayes-Malone

Annette (Deedee) Mayes-Malone received her general education degree (GED) October 22, 2012. She received her GED through the Chickasaw Nation Department of Education receiving an average score of 576.

Her husband, Calvin, son, stepson and daughter are very proud of her.

She is the daughter of Ben and the late Kay Mayes, of Verden, Okla.

Mrs. Mayes-Malone enjoys family time, reading, movies and craft.

Her current encouragement is "People do not give up receiving some form of high school certificate."

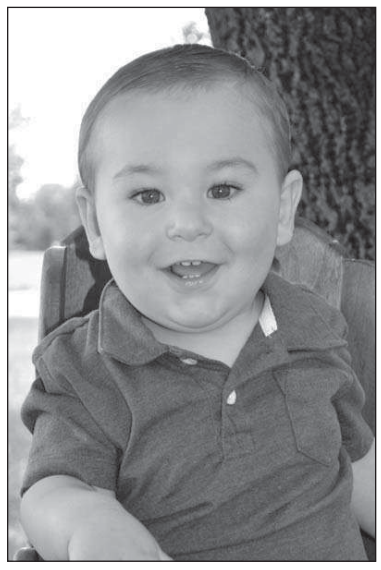
BIRTHDAYS

Aleah Gean Underwood

Aleah Gean Underwood will celebrate her birthday July 24, 2013.

Aleah's hobbies include playing t-ball, fishing, swimming, shopping and playing with her animals.

She is the daughter of Timber Thomison and Shannon Underwood.



Julian Andres Alexander Jacome

Julian Andres Alexander Jacome will turn one year old July 1, 2013.

Julian's family and friends will help him celebrate his July 6 at the family's house in Missouri.

Julian is the son of Joaquin and Jessica Jacome. He is the little brother of Emma Jacome, all of Rogersville, Mo.

Julian is the grandson of Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore, Okla., and Victor and Carmela Jacome, of Rogersville.

Happy First Birthday Julian!

We Love You Very Much!

Nick Anthony Hubbell

Nick Anthony Hubbell, of Alexandria, Va, will turn thirteen July 27, 2013. He will enter the seventh grade at Carl Sandburg Middle School.

He is a talented athlete and is currently playing basketball.

He is the son of John and Nancy Hubell.

He is the grandson of Walter and Marlese (Davis) Hubbell and the great-grandson of original enrollee, Herschell Davis and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Lizzy Saffron.

Cheryl Renee Brown-Hansbrough

Cheryl Renee Brown-Hansbrough will celebrate her 50th birthday July 28.

She is the daughter of the late Otto and Lillie Brown. She is the youngest of 10 siblings and blessed with tons of nieces and nephews.

We send love and blesses always,

Happy Birthday!

Love,

James III

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Lane Harkins

Lane Harkins places in trap, skeet shooting

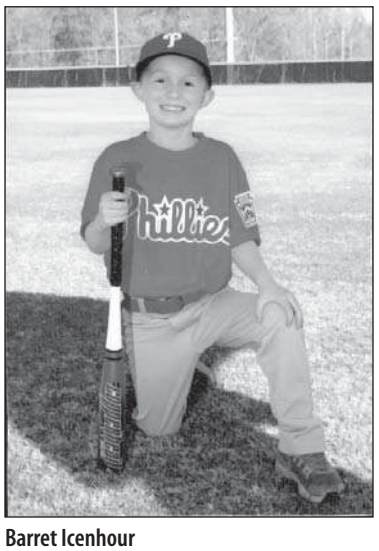
A teen Chickasaw shooter has placed in district competition.

Lane Harkins, 14, is an eighth-grader at Kingston (OK) Junior High School.

Lane competes in trap and skeet shooting with the Marshall County 4H Team. In recent district competition, Lane took second place in skeet and fifth place in trap.

The Marshall County team placed first in trap and second in skeet overall.

Lane is the son of Brian and T.J. Harkins, of Kingston. He is the grandson of Tommy and Pam Jones, of Kingston, and the great-grandson of the late Sterling and Madeline Johnson.



Barret Icenhour

Barret Icenhour named 'Best Bulldog' in S.C.

A Chickasaw kindergartner was recently honored for his good work in school.

Barret Icenhour was named "Best Bulldog" for the month of May by his kindergarten teacher, Kim Dockins.

"This is awarded to students who demonstrate good citizenship, hard work, and stellar character," Mrs. Dockins said. "We are very proud of his achievement and are happy to have him in our class."

Barret was treated to a special lunch with his principal, Tammy Day. The lunch was at Joe's Ice Cream Parlor on May 6.

Barret is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Icenhour, of Easley, S.C.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burris, of Seneca, S.C.

He is the great-grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houck and the late Paul "Buddy" Burris and Betty Burris.

Meredith Johnston

Chickasaw student to Japan in peace effort

A Chickasaw high school student will visit Japan in July as part of an international peace effort.

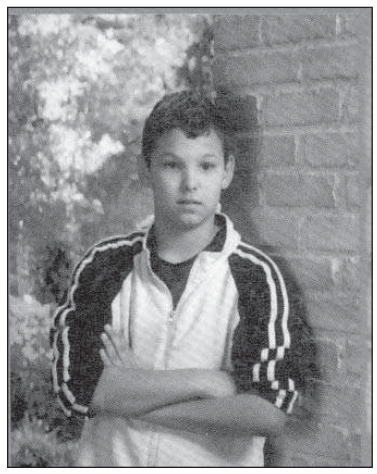
Meredith Johnston, 15, will travel to Nagaoka, Japan as part of the Fort Worth Sister Cities International program. The mission of the organization is "to advance peace through lasting relationships and international understanding."

The organization sends U.S. students annually to several of Fort Worth's 14 sister cities.

Miss Johnston, a sophomore at Arlington (TX) High School, will serve as a youth ambassador. She is a Harashin Scholar and her trip is paid for by the Harashin family, a Japanese family with extensive business interests.

Miss Johnston will spend two weeks living with a host Japanese family. She will attend school in Japan and will make presentations to Japanese students about the U.S. and Texas.

Miss Johnston is the daughter of Brad and Kari Johnston, of Arlington. Her grandparents are Don and Judy Fisher, of Edmond, Okla.



Sedrick Ned

Chickasaw student recognized for academic achievement

A Chickasaw high school student has recently received recognition of exceptional academic work.

Sedrick Owen Ned is a sophomore at Durant (OK) High School. Sedrick was recently awarded a certificate of outstanding academic performance in English and reading.

The certificate recognizes the student's scoring at or above the college benchmark for the American College Testing (ACT) program for grade 10.

Sedrick worked hard to achieve this honor. He is also doing well in his Chickasaw language class.

He is the son of Judy Ned and the grandson of Marion Ned, of Calera, Okla., and Edwin Ned, of Utica, Okla.

His great-grandfather Ellis Ned and great-grandmother Susan Tyson Ned were both original enrollees.

Sedrick has a sister, Kristin, and a brother, Chayton.

We are very proud of Sedrick. He's a great kid. We want to tell him we love him and want him to keep up the good work!

Jordan Riley Lynn

Jordan Lynn donates hair to Locks of Love

Jordan Riley Lynn, 8, is the son of Kasondra and Edwin Levernoch and the grandson of Rosetta and Don Lynn.

Jordan is our pride and joy because for the last six years he was growing his hair to represent his Native American heritage. On May 23, 2013 he decided to cut his hair and donated to the Locks of Love Foundation.

Banoo Danira Hermosillo

Hermosillo studying at University of Heidelberg

A Chickasaw student is studying in Europe.

Banoo Danira Hermosillo, 19, of San Antonio, Texas, is studying German, physics, chemistry and mathematics at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. She began her studies there in April.

Miss Hermosillo is a graduate of Douglas MacArthur High School in San Antonio.

She is the daughter of Dr. Carlos Hermosillo and Tammy Castro-Leduc (Chickasaw). Her grandfather is Thomas Hogland (Chickasaw), her great-grandfather is Ward Hogland (Chickasaw) and her great-grandmother is Maxine Hogland.

Natalie Cortez

Natalie Cortez acts in 'Peter Pan' production

A Chickasaw girl recently performed in a stage production of "Peter Pan."

Natalie Cortez, 12, appeared in the children's theatre production, which was performed in Riverside, Calif., in February.

Natalie is the daughter of Blayne and Violetta Cortez.

Her great-great-grandmother was Minnie James, an original enrollee.

Her great-great-great grandparents were Walton James and Susan Frazier.

Chickasaw businessman establishes plumbing company in Shawnee

A Chickasaw tradesman has recently opened an all-construction phase plumbing company.

Thomas Worcester II has established 21st Plumbing Company in Shawnee, Okla., and will soon have a satellite office in Ada, Okla. The company, Mr. Worcester said, serves all 13 counties of the Chickasaw Nation and its goal is to serve Chickasaw elders, employees, employers and business owners.

The company offers a 20% discount to Chickasaw citizens and employees.

The company offers service to both commercial and residential customers. New construction, renovations, replacements and repairs are all serviced.

21st Plumbing Company's office is at 2209 N. Union in Shawnee. The phone number is (405) 208-9730 and the email address is tom21plumb@gmail.com

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Jazmyn Powell and Jaidyn Gatewood

Chickasaw sisters named rodeo royalty

Two Chickasaw girls have recently been named rodeo royalty.

Ten-year-old Jazmyn Powell was named 2013 Arrington-McSpadden All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma Princess. Jazmyn's little sister, six-year-old Jaidyn "Buggy" Gatewood, was named Association Sweetheart.

The girls will serve as rodeo royalty for one year and will travel to All Indian rodeos throughout Oklahoma. Both girls compete in rodeo events.

Jazmyn attends Lincoln School and Jaidyn attends Will Rogers School, both in Ardmore, Okla.

The girls are the daughters of Janan Powell and Roscoe Gatewood, of Ardmore. Their grandparents are Sammy and Charla Powell, of Springer, Okla.

Nataleeyah Morris

Nataleeyah Morris excelling at Plainview

Nataleeyah (Tally) Bluesky Morris, 11, is the daughter of Laquitta Palmer. She is the youngest of three sisters. Her sisters are, Amy L. Johnson and husband, Donnie Johnson and Stephanie S. Smith and husband, Tommy (BB) Lee. She considers her nephew, Derrick Taylor a brother.

She is a fifth grade student at Plainview School, Ardmore, Okla., and started playing sports at the age of five and still plays basketball, softball, flag football, runs cross country and cheerleading. Her hobbies are hog hunting and bow fishing with her big brother, Donnie. She is a member of Ardmore Indian Baptist Church and helps her Grandma Sallie with the nursery while attending the All Indian Falls Creek where she got saved last year.

She is our pride and joy because she does her best in everything she is involved in. She is not a quitter and gives 100% to her team and squad.

She is always happy and has a smile. She has a great respect for her native elders and is proud to be Native American.

Her family tells her she can be and do whatever she sets her heart and mind on nothing is impossible.

God blessed us with her. Great job Tally.

Your family loves you!

Chickasaw siblings are California wrestling champs

Robert and Solin Piearcy

Two Chickasaw siblings are excelling in California youth wrestling.

Solin and Robert Piearcy both recently won California wrestling titles. Solin, a freshman at Cupertino High School, wom the Cadet 143-lb. Freestyle championship in Fresno, Calif. She beat last year's champion in the final match.

She will represent California at the July national wrestling championships in Fargo, N.D.

Robert, a sixth-grader at Hyde Middle School in Cupertino, won the 90-lb. Greco state title. Robert won his final three matches by pin.

Solin and Robert are the children of Samuel and Elaine Piearcy, of San Jose, Calif.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Autumn Underwood
Chickasaw Princess

Chukma, my name is Autumn Underwood and I am your 2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess. I am very honored and proud to represent my Nation this year. I cannot help but thank Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw people for this amazing opportunity. I have had a wonderful year being an ambassador and am very happy I was chosen to represent.

Having served as this year's Chickasaw Princess I have learned more about my people, what we stand for and how we thrived even in harsh circumstances. I have been blessed to be able to see new places and meet new people.

The Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City was an amazing place to see. There were so many people and so many vendors. I was even able to meet other visiting royalty and representatives. Grand entry was by far my favorite part of the weekend, because I was able to see how many dancers were in attendance and see the different designs and colors of their regalia. I would gladly go back again because it was a wonderful experience to stand on that stage and wave.

I hope any young girl who reads this will take my advice and run, because it is so much fun and you make a lot of new friends. The opportunity to run for Chickasaw Princess means a lot more than just running for a crown it's about the lessons that you learn just from trying. I should know; I lost three times before I won. Each time I became a little more confident, more independent and did new things I never would have done before.

Those lessons were hard to learn, I will admit and I am not going to sugar-coat it and tell you it doesn't hurt when you worked so hard for it, because it does. You might think I am never going to win, but the truth is the only way you don't win is if you don't try. If you remember only one thing from this article and it's that you had the courage to try what only a few girls have tried. Be proud that the Chickasaw Nation is filled with strong and courageous women. You are one of them for just trying because you face your fears, set your goals, and chase your dreams. Just stepping on that stage as a contestant you have already won you have everything you need to win. Take my advice anything worth fighting for is hard because if it were easy we would not appreciate it or savor that victory.

If you would have asked me when I was 11 running for Little Miss Chickasaw, if I was scared to go out on that stage I would have said yes. Ask me now, if I was scared last year to run for Chickasaw Princess and the answer would be no, because I had faced my fears. I had the strength to try again and again until I won. Losing made me realize it was more than just a crown it was a symbol of strength and confidence, and that victory won in adversity was that much sweeter.

I had worked very hard for it and met my goal. You have everything you need and more you just have to take that first step and see where it goes.

The pageant for Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess, and Little Miss Chickasaw is closely approaching; I encourage all you young ladies to gather a talent, traditional dress, and a few recommendation letters and join the pageant. Deadline to submit applications for the 2013-2014 Chickasaw Princess Pageant is August 30. Apply you won't regret it, because every moment is special.

Chokma'shki,

2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess

Autumn Underwood

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Chickasaw pitcher signs with N.Y. Mets

Photo courtesy of Shaun Swartz

Former Sulphur (OK) High School multi-sport star Ty Williams, center, signs with the New York Mets organization. Pictured with him are, at left, his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Randy Williams, and Steve Gossett, representing the N.Y. Mets.

A Chickasaw ballplayer has recently been drafted by a Major League Baseball team.

Ty Williams was drafted June 8 by the New York Mets. He was drafted in the 35th round.

Mr. Williams was drafted last year by the Miami Marlins following his senior year at Sulphur (OK) High School, but opted to play junior college baseball at Seminole (OK) State College.

He is a 6'2", 200-lb., right-handed pitcher and made 10 appearances for Seminole State. He started four games and won three. In 26.2 innings of work he struck out 28 and compiled an earned run average of 3.71.

Mr. Williams is now in Port St. Lucie, Florida where he will play in the rookie league.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Randy Williams, of Sulphur.

U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Erik Miller and his father, Robert H. Miller.

Chickasaw 2nd Lieutenant earns Airborne wings

U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Erik Miller recently graduated from parachute training at Fort Benning, Georgia and received his Airborne wings. He is a 2012 graduate of Texas A&M University.

He received scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation during his university studies. He will soon be deployed to Afghanistan.

2nd Lt. Miller's father, Robert H. Miller, is a Vietnam era U.S. Navy veteran.

2nd Lt. Miller is the great-grandson of John Michael Miller, an original enrollee.

He is proud of his heritage and to be a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Chickasaw attorney named Pepperdine Distinguished Alumnus

Gilbert L. Purcell

MALIBU, Calif. - A Chickasaw attorney was recently honored as the distinguished alumnus of his alma mater.

Gilbert L. Purcell, of Novato, Calif., received the honor from Pepperdine University School of Law during the school's commencement ceremonies May 17.

Following his acceptance of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Mr. Purcell delivered the commencement address to the graduates, faculty, alumni and guests.

A total of 214 law students received their juris doctor degrees, and another 59 received their master of dispute resolution degrees.

Mr. Purcell is a graduate of the University of California-Los Angeles, Cambridge University and Pepperdine University School of Law.

He is the great-great-grandson of Etta Velary Colbert, the daughter of Martin Colbert.

His grandmother was Jewell Eugenia Nichols, an original enrollee.

Letter to Editor

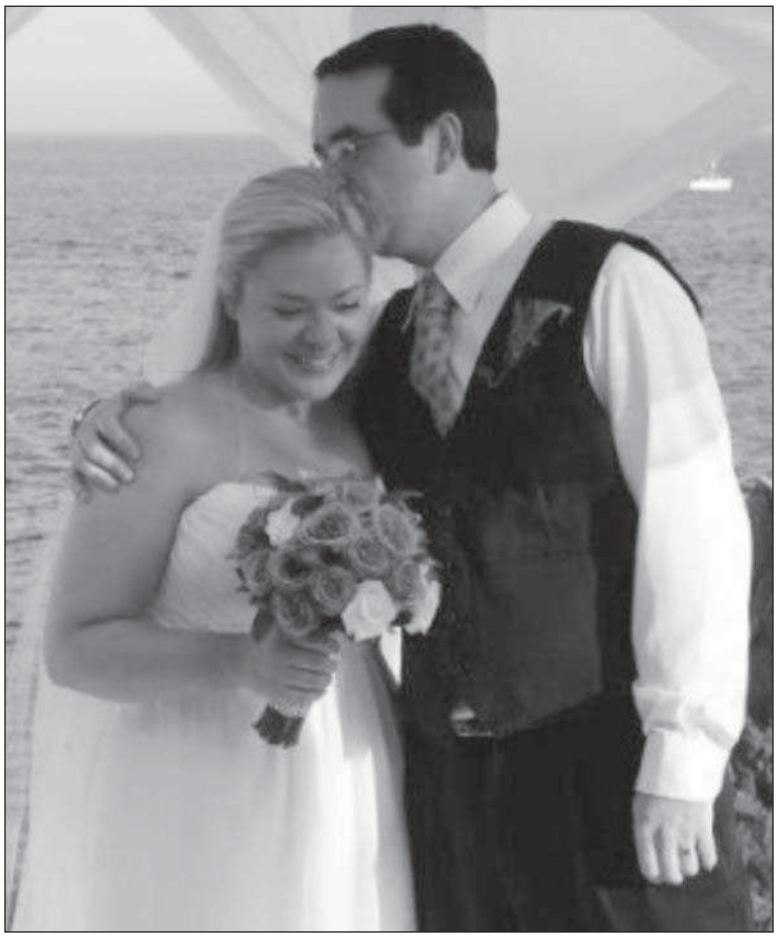
Seawright-Brown family thanks tribe for facility

The Seawright-Brown families would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Cultural Center for letting us use the facilities at the Cultural Center for our reunion which was hosted in April.

A special thank you to Candice Blevins who helped plan the reunion. Also, a thank you to Scott Wingo and Wilson Seawright. All the employees were very helpful and courteous. Thanks to everyone the reunion was a big success.

Sue Stokley

Worley, Clark exchange vows in Mexico



Renee Elizabeth Worley and Thomas Ross Clark were united in marriage April 28, 2013 at the Hacienda Encantada, Los Cabos, San Lucas, Mexico.

Chickasaw Nation radio stations earn license renewals from FCC

Five Chickasaw Nation-owned and operated radio stations recently were granted license renewals by Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

They include stations KADA, KYKC, KTLS, KXFC, and non-commercial station KCNP. Radio stations must have licenses from the FCC to operate. The license period runs for eight years. The next license renewal will not take place until June 2021.

"In this documentation, we include programs and other ways we have served the public, how we marketed employment opportunities as well as our efforts to provide air-time for community issues," stations general manager Roger Harris said.

Mr. Harris said the stations had included thousands of hours of public affairs programming, interviews and public service announcements, as well as coverage and updates on severe weather and how citizens in the south central part of the state can assist fellow Oklahomans who suffered during the recent tornadoes in Moore, Carney and other towns in the area.

FCC licensing efforts, Mr. Harris said, also include many technical aspects requiring certification as well. They include tower maintenance, transmitter performance and the airing of weekly emergency testing. Each test has to be executive correctly and an official FCC log kept showing the tests were aired.

The Chickasaw Nation operates the stations through its South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises (SCORE) entity. The tribe purchased its first radio station, KADA, in 1995. In 2005, the tribe purchased KYKC and in 2008 it purchased KTLS and KXFC.

The Chickasaw Nation, in 2010, established and obtained a license for KCNP which broadcasts in Ada with a 3.5-kilowatt transmitter 1,600 feet above sea level. KCNP covers central and southeastern Oklahoma on FM station 89.5 and offers listeners information on tribal, local and national news as well as cultural programs and a diverse mix of music and talk shows, Mr. Harris said.

Tribal legislator Connie Barker named to Diabetes group post

Connie Barker

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Connie Barker was recently named Vice Co-chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee during the committee's June 20 meeting in Hollywood, Florida.

Mrs. Barker has served on the committee since 2009. She represents the Oklahoma Indian Health Service Area.

The Indian Health Service Director established the committee in 1998 to make recommendations on diabetes policy and advocacy issues. The committee also offers guidance to ensure appropriate values and cultural traditions are incorporated into program development, research and community-based activities for all Native American and Alaskan Natives.

One elected tribal official and an alternate from each of the 12 Indian Health Service Areas serve on the board along with others. Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Nancy Elliott serves as the Oklahoma alternate.

"This is a huge honor to be elected vice co-chair and an enormous amount of responsibility, Mrs. Barker said.

"My goal is to make sure that all Native Americans and Alaskan Natives are represented as well as my own Chickasaw tribe and the Oklahoma IHS area."

Chickasaw woman appointed to party's affirmative action committee

Leah Mull

Leah Mull's desire to "make a difference in the lives of people" is coming true - and she is excited about it.

Chosen by Oklahoma Democratic Party Chairman Wallace Collins, Mrs. Mull was appointed to serve on the political party's affirmative action committee. Her first meeting was June 1.

"I always wanted to give voice to those who didn't have a voice or who believe they don't have one," Mrs. Mull said.

The Chickasaw woman believes her life experience – a minority, a woman and Native American – will help guide her as the committee begins drafting planks for the Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform for the 2014 elections.

Of critical importance to Mrs. Mull is equal opportunity housing and employment for minorities, in addition to equal rights for people who are disenfranchised in today's divisive political climate.

Mrs. Mull is involved in the Pontotoc County Democratic Party, as is her husband, Daniel. He was elected Pontotoc County Democratic Party co-chair in April. Tara Metts, a former intern for State Sen. Susan Paddack (D-Ada) was elected chairman of the county organization.

The Mulls are employed by the Chickasaw Nation. She works as an administrative assistant in the marketing department and he is a systems administrator in the information technology department.

Her tenure on the state party's affirmative action committee will be two years.

She faced a self-imposed timetable to be involved and to help people. Mrs. Mull turned 30 June 24. She beams at the idea she is contributing her opinions, thoughts and actions to the Democratic Party at the ripe old age of 29.

"I knew I wanted to do this while I'm young," she said with a smile. In fact, she recently drew inspiration from a former Oklahoma political leader who served long before she was even born.

Fred Harris, who served in the Oklahoma State Senate from 1956-64 and then defeated two highly popular Oklahomans to claim one of Oklahoma's U.S. Senate seats in 1964, spoke to state Democrats recently in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Harris defeated former Gov. J. Howard Edmondson in the 1964 Democratic primary and then shocked political pundits by defeating legendary University of Oklahoma football coach and Republican nominee Bud Wilkinson 51-49 percent to win the seat. Mr. Harris was very involved in Native American issues thanks to his wife, LaDonna, a Comanche and a major activist for Native American issues.

Now 83 and a professor of political science at the University of New Mexico, Mr. Harris spoke of contributing and working to make the lives of people better; to embrace everyone and work hard for equal rights for all Americans. Mrs. Mull was receptive to the message.

"He was inspirational," she said of Mr. Harris. "He obviously fought for what he believed in and his message was clear to continue that fight."

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Chickasaw Nation Elders Conference

Chickasaw citizen Tewanna J. Anderson-Edwards with Gov. Bill Anoatubby at the 2013 Chickasaw Nation Elders Conference at Winstar World Casino Global Event Center in Thackerville, Okla. The event was May 20. Mrs. Anderson-Edwards serves on the AARP Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Community Group Co-chairperson and was a speaker at this event on updates of AARP.

Chickasaw writer honored at Skidmore

Linda Hogan

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - Linda Hogan, a Chickasaw and former Chickasaw Writer in Residence, was recently honored by Skidmore College.

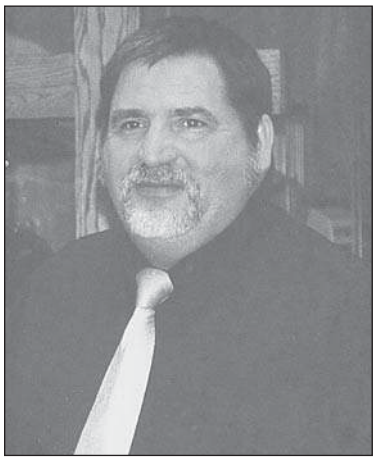
Ms. Hogan, along with musician Joanne Shenandoah, received the Living Kindness Award from Skidmore College during ceremonies June 20. The award recognized the women for their work and their ways of living.

Ms. Hogan's connection to Skidmore dates to 1982 when she attended the Yaddo writing retreat there. While at the retreat, she worked on her Pulitzer finalist and Oklahoma Book Award winning novel, "Mean Spirit." The book is still in print in mass market.

Ms. Hogan continues to write on histories of Chickasaw interest as well as fiction, poetry and essays.

This year, her book "Dark. Sweet. The New can Collected Poems of Linda Hogan" will be published by Coffee House Press.

Ms. Hogan remains active in the Chickasaw community and is busy interviewing people about their knowledge of the past. Her three-hour "In-Depth" interview can still be seen on CNN News.



Larry Whitfield Sr.

Chickasaw man earns HVAC certificate

Larry Whitfield Sr., has recently graduated from Red River Technology Center with a 4.0 grade point average.

Mr. Whitfield, of Comanche, Okla., received his degree in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC). He received several honors including Red River Student of the Year in Air Conditioning/Refrigeration. He was named a member of Silver Career Readiness by the office of the Oklahoma Governor. He was also inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Mr. Whitfield, 55, is married to Carmen Whitfield. His parents are Jack and Dorothy Whitfield, of Loco, Okla.

His children are Larry and Toni-Jo Whitfield Jr., and Tony and Kelsi Whitfield, all of Marlow, Okla., and Ken and Melissa Rose, of Comanche.

Grandchildren include Kaleb, Paden, Kohlby and Amiella Rose, of Comanche.

Larry's family is very proud of all his hard work, dedication and all his accomplishments. They love him very much!

Wesberry family graduates 3, including Mom!

Chickasaw graduates from left, Lauren "Caley" Wesberry, Stacy Wesberry and Leslie Wesberry.

The Wesberry family had plenty to celebrate in May when three of their own earned bachelor's degrees from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Along with her son and daughter, Chickasaw citizen and Chickasaw Nation Aging Director of Senior Information, Stacy Ann Wesberry, 45, received her bachelor of science degree.

Mrs. Wesberry has been employed by the Chickasaw Nation for more than 20 years. She earned her associate degree from Murray State College. Mrs. Wesberry reigned as Chickasaw Princess from 1983-1984. She and Chris Wesberry have been married 25 years.

At the May 11 ceremony, the Wesberrys' 23 year-old daughter Lauren "Caley" Wesberry earned her bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

Lauren Wesberry plans to pursue a master's degree in public health administration at Michigan State University.

While at Southeastern, she was Miss Indian Southeastern 2011-2012, a True Blue Ambassador 2010 to 2012, a member of the Native American Student Association and a Southeastern American Chemical Society student member. She was the recipient of the O.J. and Mary Christine Harvey Scholarship and the Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship.

Mrs. Wesberry's 21 year-old son, Leslie Chris Wesberry, Jr., received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southeastern.

Mr. Wesberry will begin his studies in indigenous and international law this fall at Michigan State University Law School.

During his time at Southeastern, Leslie Wesberry served as a True Blue Ambassador and 2012-2013 Native American Student Association president. He was listed on the President's Honor Roll in 2012 and the Dean's Honor Roll in 2013. Leslie Wesberry was the recipient of the O.J. and Mary Christine Harvey Scholarship and the Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship.

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'Veteran of the Week'

Virgil W. Tague, center, of Del City and Washington, Okla., was "Veteran of the Week" at the Oklahoma State Capitol. He served in the U.S. Army and National Guard. He also participated in the first Oklahoma Honor Flight in 2010. His family are proud Chickasaw native people. From left are Rep. Lisa Billy, Mr. Tague's daughter Melinda, wife Sally, Mr. Tague, grandchildren Seth, Zack, and Aston, son Mark and Rep. Inman.

Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

Winners of the 14th Annual Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament are: Singles first place, Michael Lindsey; second place, Bailey Walker; third place Gilbert Walker. Doubles first place, Gary Walker and Leston Long; second place, Michael Lindsey and Billy Long; third place, Bailey Walker and Jason. Most Ringers champion was Bailey Walker. Pictured from left, Billy Long, Bailey Walker, Michael Lindsey, Leston Long, Gary Walker.

Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Junior Division winners are, from left, first place, Noah Lindsey; third place, Ashlyn Winchester; and second place, Tyler Walker. The Junior Division event was created this year to show the younger generation good sportsmanship and how to play.

Youth Clothing Grant Application Opens July 1

The Chickasaw Nation Youth Clothing Grant application period for the 2013-2014 school year opens on July 1.

Chickasaw citizens ages three to 18 (through high school seniors) are eligible to apply for the $200 clothing grant once per school year.

Funds are distributed in the form of a VISA gift card, and are to be used for clothing purchases only. Gift cards are renewable and may be usable for up to five years. Recipients should not discard unexpired VISA gift cards.

All original receipts must be returned to the division of youth services by mail or in-person prior to the next application period.

Completed applications for the active school year must be postmarked by December 31.

Additional program details can be found at www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact the division of youth services at (580) 559-0778 or clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw woman in Memory Bridge study

A Chickasaw woman has been accepted to a unique memory study center.

Nancy Bess Wilkins has been awarded a scholarship to attend Memory Bridge Training retreat Jun 23-28 at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Center in Bloomington, Indiana. The retreat focuses on dementia and Alzheimer's disease and the depths of memory the afflictions do not erase.

The Memory Bridge Foundation also creates programs that connect people with Alzheimer's or dementia to family, friends and others in their local communities.

Ms. Wilkins is a 2001 graduate of Texas Woman's University and has dedicated the last decade to working with elders. Her plans are to continue to acquire new knowledge and support innovative and therapeutic lives for dementia patients.

She especially wants to share her time and knowledge with Chickasaw elders by doing work that honors our "living treasures."

May 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Outstanding Overall Achievement

Chet Hamilton

Chet Hamilton, 15, son of John M. and Pamela A. Hamilton, of Round Rock, Texas, is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement award.

Chet Hamilton

Chet is a freshman at Rouse High School and was nominated by Beth Washburn, a teacher at Rouse.

"Chet is a straight A student, taking all Pre-AP classes, he is a well-rounded young man. As a freshman, he is ranked seventh in a class of 601 students," Ms. Washburn said. "His GPA is a 4.0. He also plays basketball, football and tennis."

Chet is a member of the Junior National Honor Society, a black belt in Kempo/Jujitsu and shoots traditional archery. He also helped this year's Special Olympics high school tennis athletes.

Madison Raposo

Madison Raposo

Madison Raposo, 14, daughter of Melanie and Jay Raposo, of San Antonio, Texas, is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement award.

Madison is a freshman at River City Believers Academy and was nominated by her principal, C. Shane Land, M. Ed.

"As a freshman, Madison has chosen to challenge herself by working at an advanced level academically. She is not only taking advanced science course work, but is doing so with a 3.88 GPA," Mr. Land said.

Madison has a huge desire to serve her school and her community. She is the freshman class representative in the student council. Madison introduced a "Teacher of the Month" program, in which the student council leaves teachers gifts and words of encouragement for each month throughout the year.

Her hobbies include reading, soccer, and tennis, singing and playing basketball. She plans on going to Texas A&M to become an investigator, and pursuing a minor in music.

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Dylan Darnell

Dylan Darnell, 11, son of David and Amy Darnell of Bristow, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Dylan Darnell

Dylan is a fifth grader at Collins Elementary and was nominated by Georgia Smith, his science and social studies teacher.

"Dylan is an outstanding student who has maintained straight A's throughout this school year," Ms. Smith said. "Dylan stands out from the others because he is extremely polite and well-mannered with teachers and peers."

Dylan is on the fourth and fifth grade academic team. The team has won first place for three consecutive years.

He also enjoys athletics, and participates in football, wrestling and baseball. Dylan enjoys hunting and fishing. When he grows up, he wants to be a game warden.

Dylan attends Trinity Baptist Church.

Kathryn Hopkins

Kathryn Hopkins, 11, daughter of William and Denise Hopkins of Paso Robles, Calif., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Kathryn Hopkins

Kathryn is in the sixth grade student at Daniel E. Lewis Middle School and was nominated by Michelle Nimick, her history and choir teacher.

"Kathryn turns in work that is beyond what she is required to do. She participates in class discussions and gives thoughtful and thorough answers to questions," Ms. Nimick said. "She easily understands the material and turns in all work on time."

Kathryn's hobbies include soccer and sign language. She would like to earn a teaching degree, specializing in mathematics.

Kory Cunningham

Kory Cunningham, 11, son of Danny and Karen Cunningham of Horatio, Ark., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Kory Cunningham

Kory is a fifth grade student at Horatio Elementary School and was nominated by Rodger Click, the principal.

"Kory has worked very hard this school year. He always tries his best to get his work done. He is an outstanding student and a pleasure to have in school," says Principal Click.

Kory plays left field for his baseball team. He also plays football, loves the outdoors and hunting with his dad.

Kory attends the Winthrop United Methodist Church and participates in a number of church activities.

Isaac Lill

Isaac Lill, 17, son of David and Emily Lill, of Austin, Texas, is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Isaac Lill

Isaac Lill is homeschooled and was nominated by his teacher, Jeanne Clardy.

"Isaac has made straight A's throughout his entire 12 years of schooling," Ms. Clardy said. "Additionally, he is recognized as an outstanding leader among his peers as well as adults."

It is important to Issac to serve God in every area of his life. He became an Eagle Scout and completed a service project for his community that encompassed nearly 40 volunteers and 200 volunteer hours.

His hobbies include music, reading, running and hiking. Issac would like to study engineering and business.

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Hunter Luna

Hunter Landry Luna, 18, son of Paul and Stefanie Luna of Sulphur, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Hunter Luna

Hunter is a senior at Sulphur High School and was nominated by Sulphur High School Principal Clete Cole.

"Hunter is a complete package, as far as students go," Mr. Cole said.

His hobbies include video games, baseball, trombone, reading, traveling, snow skiing, snorkeling, and listening and playing music.

Hunter would like to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in Meteorology.

Makayla Spurgeon

Makayla Spurgeon, 9, daughter of Billy and Ashley Spurgeon, of Whitesboro, Texas, is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Makayla Spurgeon

Makayla is in the third grade student at Whitesboro Intermediate School and was nominated by her teacher, Allee Meacham.

"Makayla is a very hard worker and loves to read. She strives to become a better reader by working on her fluency and comprehension skills," Ms. Meacham said.

Makayla enjoys swimming, fishing and reading. When she gets older, she wants to be a doctor.

Outstanding Citizenship

Jaclyn Darnell

Jaclyn Darnell

Jaclynn Darnell, 14, daughter of Amy and David Darnell of Bristow, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award.

Jaclynn is in the eighth grade at Bristow Middle School and was nominated by Anita Battenfield, J.O.M. Aide at Bristow Middle School.

"Jaclynn has maintained straight A's all while taking care of her extracurricular responsibilities. She is in advanced Science, Math, and English," Ms. Battenfield said.

Jaclynn is involved in choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and agriculture studies. She is active in her church youth group, and has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for three consecutive years.

Her hobbies include singing, reading and spending time with her friends. Her future plans include graduating high school and attending college at Oklahoma State University.

Rachel Scott

Rachel Scott, 9, daughter of Cindy and Bryce Scott, of Moore, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award.

Rachel Scott

Rachel is a third grade student at Little Axe Elementary and was nominated by her teacher, Cathy Kill.

"Rachel is an excellent student in her academics and behavior. She always excels in her school work and participated in the Gifted and Talented program," Ms. Kill said. "Rachel has also received several awards, including the American Legion Award."

Rachel was Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City princess for 2011-2012. She has won several pow wow contests, including Red Earth, and was a karate winner at the 2012 Jim Thorpe Native American games. In 2011, she won first place at the Indian Falls Creek talent show.

Rachel has two brothers, Caleb and Andrew.

Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Allie Glover

Allie Glover

Allie Glover, 16, daughter of Liz and Derald Glover of Fort Gibson, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics award.

Allie is a sophomore at Ft. Gibson High School and was nominated her coach and teacher, Denise Gray.

"Basketball is Allie's favorite sport and her team won the 4A state championship this year," Ms. Gray said.

Allie's enjoys basketball, church and hanging out with her friends. She also helps coach sixth graders after school.

Kayci Glover

Kayci Glover, 13, is the daughter of Liz and Derald Glover of Fort Gibson, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics award.

Kayci Glover

Kayci is a seventh grader at Fort Gibson Middle School and was nominated by her coach and teacher, Denise Gray.

"Kayci led her seventh grade basketball team to an undefeated conference championship this school year," Ms. Gray said. "As the point guard, Kayci displayed outstanding leadership both on the court and off."

In addition to basketball, Kayci runs track and cross country, and excels academically. She loves spending time with her family and friends.

Kayci attends Fellowship Bible Church.

Outstanding Achievement in Tribal Language

Daryn Allison

Daryn Allison

Daryn Allison, 11, daughter of Heath and Tracy Allison, of Allen, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement award.

Daryn is a fifth grade student at Byng Elementary and was nominated by Stephanie DelFrate, Indian Education Coordinator.

"Daryn is one of the most dedicated students. She always comes prepared to class, and frequently volunteers," Ms. DelFrate said. "She has benefited immensely from her inquisitive style. She is one of the hardest working students at Byng School.

Daryn studies tap, jazz, ballet and hip-hop dance at Cara's Kids in Ada, Okla. She also plays piano and loves to be outside with her big brother fishing and riding four-wheelers.

Daryn is a member of Native Voices and is learning to sing and speak in the Chickasaw language.

When she grows up, Daryn wants to be a coach.

Richard Brown

Richard Brown

Richard Brown, 12, son of Richard and Lea Brown, from Ada, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement award.

Richard is a fifth grade student at Byng School and was nominated by Stephanie DelFrate, Indian Education Coordinator.

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Richard for the past couple school years and find that he has been more than the ideal student," Ms. DelFrate said. "Richard has been involved in numerous school activities including Byng Elementary Native Voices Club."

Richard participates in track, basketball, vocal music and the Native Voices Language Club. He won first place at the 2013 Oklahoma Native American Language Fair in Speaking.

His hobbies include basketball, video games, mixed martial arts, writing stories and wrestling.

Richard has one brother and two sisters.

Leslie Daniel

Leslie Daniel

Leslie Daniel, 9, daughter of Leroy and Lisa Daniel, of Stonewall, Okla., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement award.

Leslie is a fourth grade student at Byng Elementary and was nominated by Stephanie DelFrate, Indian Education Coordinator.

"Leslie is bright, energetic, compassionate and genuinely well rounded," Ms. DelFrate said. "Her grades have been consistently above average in all of her courses. She has actively participated in the Byng Native Voices Club and an assortment of other extracurricular activities."

She enjoys hunting, fishing, basketball and softball.

Leslie and her family attend Union Valley Baptist Church

Outstanding Achievement in Art

Vincent Turner

Vincent Turner

Vincent Turner, 12, son of Jeffrie and Carie Turner of Tualatin, Ore., is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement award.

Vincent is a seventh grader at Hazelbrook Middle School was nominated by art teacher, Chelsey Peterson.

"Vincent should be selected due to his artistic enthusiasm and dedication to the fine arts," Ms. Peterson said. "He never rushes projects just to complete it for a grade. He always goes the extra mile."

Vincent is a straight-A student and was recently recognized at Hazelbrook for his continual example of responsibility.

A native of Edmond, Okla., Vincent now lives in Tualatin, Oregon with his mom, dad and two brothers.

Outstanding Achievement in English

Carter Anderson

Carter Anderson

Carter W. Anderson, 15, is a May 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement award.

Carter is a freshman at Classen School of Advanced Studies and was nominated by Ms. Chelsea Johnson.

"Carter is an excellent student. His intellect is far above average, and he demonstrates profound knowledge of English literature, composition, and grammar on a daily basis," Ms. Johnson said. "Carter has well-defined work ethic, and his assignments are never late and he is always prepared. He is a model student."

Carter participates in numerous camps including Oklahoma City University Violin Camp, the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Camp. In the fifth grade, Carter went on a trip to Washington D.C.

Carter is a straight-A student. He is also a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and the National Forensic League.

Hayden R. Gill

Brett Anthony Miller is a 2013 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of James and Johna Stringer. He is the grandson of Ivan Rex Wade and the late Diana McLain-Wade and the great-grandson of Benjamin and Ora Mae (Peggy) McLain.

Brett plans are to continue his education in electrical, heating and air.

Brian Thedford

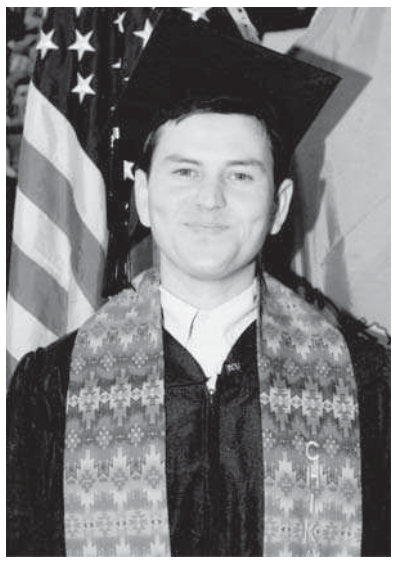
Brian Thedford is a 2013 graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. He is the son of Dean and Faye Thedord, of Fort Worth, Texas. He is the grandson of Lloyd and Betty Bradley, of Duncan, Okla.

Mr. Thedford graduated with a degree in Agricultural Economics: Finance and Real Estate with a minor in economics. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

He has accepted a position with Morgan Financial Group in Dallas.

He wishes to thank the Department of Education of the Chickasaw Nation for their financial support and encouragement.

Christopher Paul Zellner



Christopher Paul Zellner is a 2013 graduate of East Central University. He is the son of Julia Walker Webb and husband, Stephen Webb, of Davis, Okla., and Paul Zellner, of Pauls Valley, Okla. His maternal grandparents are the late J.D. and Joyce Walker and he is the great-grandson of, Almeda James Engle, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Mr. Zellner is currently employed at the Holisso Research Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.

He is thankful to the Chickasaw Nation for all the help he received while pursing his degree.

His future plans include pursuing a masters degree from the University of Oklahoma.

We are all very proud of Chris! Congratulations!

Andrea Eleanore Wheeler

Andrea Eleanore Wheeler is a 2013 graduate of Nerinx Hall High School, Webster Groves, Mo. She is the daughter of Diamond Wade Wheeler and Vicki Wheeler. She is the maternal granddaughter of Virginia Stanislaw and the late Robert Stanislaw, and paternal granddaughter of Glen Wheeler and Chickasaw Hall of Fame member Margaret Roach Wheeler. Her great-grandparents were original enrollees, the late Diamond Roach and the late Rubey Roach. Her sister Paige Kristine Wheeler is a senior at the University of Missouri-Columbia and spent last summer working as an intern for the Chickasaw Nation in Ada. Her brother Diamond Max Wheeler is a 2011 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and works in Multi-Media for the Chickasaw Nation.

Andrea has a passion for volleyball and has been playing since grade school. She completed her senior year as a member of Nerinx Hall's varsity volleyball team and was named Defensive MVP. She received the Most Spirited/Hustle Award and All-Conference Honorable Mention. She has been active in club volleyball for seven years spending the last two seasons as a member of High Performance Volleyball Club which is a select volleyball club team in the St. Louis area.

Andrea has earned academic and athletic scholarships to attend Newman University in Wichita, Kan., where she will study to become a veterinarian. She will also continue her volleyball career as an NCAA scholarship athlete on Newman University's volleyball team.

Congratulations, Andrea. We love you and are very proud of you! You never gave up on yourself!

Shannon Raelynn Green Henry

Shannon Raelynn Green Henry is a 2013 graduate of Missouri Southern State University (MSSU), Joplin, Mo. She recently married Kevin Henry. She is the daughter of Mike and Terri (Hockett) Green. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Edgar Reed Underwood, an original Chickasaw enrollee, and the great-great-great-granddaughter of Joseph W. Underwood, also an original Chickasaw enrollee. She is also part of the Creek tribe and is a descendant of a New Born Creek enrollee and an original Creek enrollee.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in general studies with emphasis in health promotion and wellness. She transferred to MSSU after graduating from Coffeyville Community College (CCC) in 2011 with her associates degree. While attending CCC she was a member of the softball team, on academic and athletic scholarships, a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and on the President's Honor Roll. She was on the Dean's Honor Roll at MSSU.

She wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation Education Department for all the financial support and encouragement through her college years. Being recognized for her academic achievements as a high school senior and supported through college has allowed her to fulfill her dreams.

Her plans are to enroll in the OU-Tulsa Medical College to become a physical therapist. She hopes to continue in giving back to those who have given to her.

Listen at 89.5FM or online at www.kcnpradio.org

Chickasaw community radio KCNP a refreshing, newsy addition

KCNP production coordinator Tishia Agee reading local news during a broadcast.

ADA, Okla. - Located on the radio dial at 89.5-FM, KCNP is the Chickasaw Nation's community radio station. The station marks four years on the air this month and it's amazing how quickly KCNP has grown.

KCNP manager Brian Brashier has been with station since its launch in 2009. He was the station's sole employee. The station initially aired mostly pre-programmed music. Public affairs features started a few months later and kicked off with a live broadcast of Gov. Anoatubby's State of the Nation address - a tradition that continues today.

Mr. Brashier said KCNP's mission was "to enlighten, educate and entertain our listeners with quality radio programming." To fulfill that mission, Mr. Brashier said KCNP had evolved into a fully staffed and operational station featuring an eclectic mix of music, news and discussion programs. Daily public affairs pieces and news are delivered each weekday morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and again in the afternoon from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The station also offers what Mr. Brashier refers to as "hyperlocal" weather coverage of KNCP's broadcast area. The KCNP staff use national and state weather services and live field reporting to provide people with minute-by-minute updates during severe weather.

The station also airs nationally syndicated programming throughout the week. Programs include critically acclaimed shows like "The Takeaway," "This American Life" and "To the Best of Our Knowledge."

KCNP is also the only station in Oklahoma to carry the live feed of "Native America Calling," a national call-in show that discusses important issues in Indian Country. "Native America Calling" airs Monday through Friday on KCNP at noon.

In recent years, the station has also formed partnerships with area organizations to produce community-based programs. "The OSU Extension Connection" airs weekly on Fridays and features Pontotoc County OSU Extension staff discussing topics such as health and nutrition, home and lawn care and updates on local youth organizations.

Last year, KCNP partnered with "Voices of Oklahoma," a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Oklahoma oral history, to produce 30-minute versions of its archived interviews for broadcast.

Chickasaw citizens also volunteer their time and talents to produce KCNP programs. Nicole Walls hosts the weekly show "Money Saving Mondays," a short program dedicated to thrifty tips and home projects. Since 2011, radio veteran and Big Band enthusiast Tom Brannon has hosted "Brannon's Big Bands," a weekly hour-long show featuring the best music from the Big Band era. Chickasaw elder and fluent native speaker Stan Smith offers quick language lessons in a feature appropriately titled "Fast Talk."

In 2011, KCNP kicked off the live call-in show, "Connections." The idea for "Connections" was developed by Gov. Anoatubby in response to a suggestion that came up during a visit with Chickasaw citizens. "Connections" features weekly guests and covers a wide variety of topics. The program airs live at 11 a.m. each Wednesday. To date, more than 100 episodes of "Connections" have aired on KCNP.

Future plans at KCNP include producing additional shows in-house for broadcast and continuing to incorporate syndicated shows that fit the station's targeted audiences: Chickasaws, Native Americans and the general public located in KCNP's broadcast range.

More information about KCNP, including a schedule of each day's programming and a live stream of KCNP, is available online at www.kcnpradio.org.

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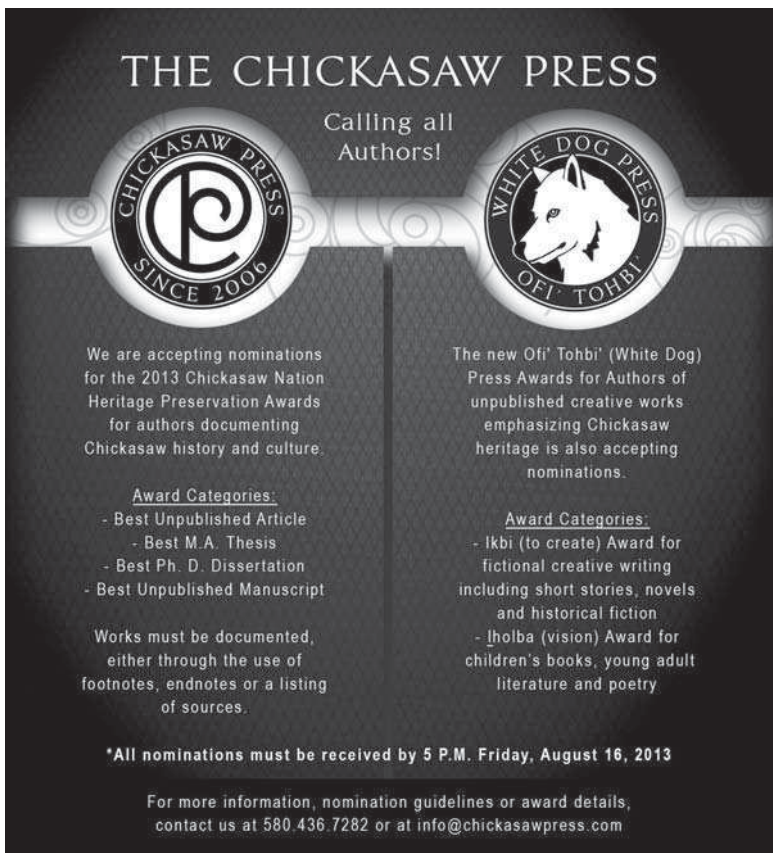
What is community radio?

Unlike commercial radio, community radio is a non-profit venture. Advertisements on community radio are prohibited. Community radio stations serve a specific audience, either geographically or interest based, that is underserved by other types of mass media.

Community radio stations can be found worldwide. Some are owned and financed by not-for-profit groups or by cooperatives whose members are the listeners.

Others are owned and operated by students, universities, municipalities, governments or other organizations.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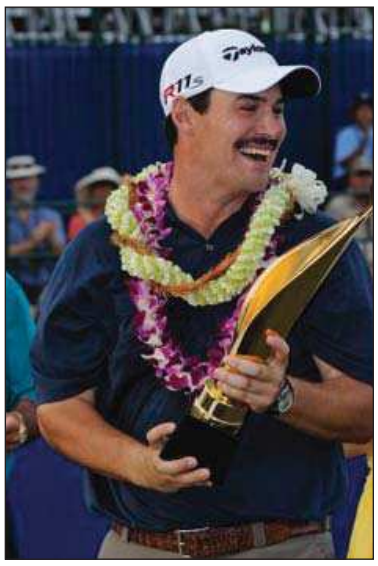
Chickasaw pro golfer finds success on the course, at home



JOHNSON WAGNER

"Photo by PGA TOUR/Getty Images"

Chickasaw professional golfer Johnson Wagner is living out his childhood dream.

A three-time winner on the PGA Tour, Mr. Wagner qualified in May for the British Open, to be played in July.

With 29 finishes in the top 25, including 11 in the top 10, the 33-year-old golfer has won more than $7.3 million in prize money since turning professional in 2002. Still, he says the most important thing in his life is family.

"I love being a golfer, but I love being a dad and a family man even more," Mr. Wagner said. "Being a happy father and happily married is one of the best things there is."

While his profession takes him away from home for up to 30 weeks each year, when he does have the chance to be at home, he makes the most of it.

"It's fantastic. I do a lot of things, but I certainly don't have a nine-to-five job when I'm at home, so I get to wake up in the morning with my kids and hang out with them," he said with obvious excitement. "I have no real schedule to follow when I'm home, so I get to spend a lot of quality time with my family and pretty much get to spoil them with my time."

Mr. Wagner said his four-year-old son and two-year-old daughter were "very busy."

"I don't know how my wife does it when she's home by herself," he said. "She's a good mom and a great wife."

In the early part of his career, his wife Katie was with him "on the road."

"I used to drive pretty much everywhere," he said. "My wife Katie and I traveled in the motor home, but once we had kids she had to stop traveling as much to give them a little better home life.

"I am on the road 28 to 30 weeks a year, so I'm away from home a lot, which is tough. I spend a lot of time away from my family and my kids, day in and day out, but I knew what I was getting into when I chose this."

While the travel can be grueling, it also offers the golfer the opportunity to see the world.

"I've been able to see so many places across this country and around the world, that I pinch myself every day."

He first became interested in golf in large part because of his grandfather, M.T. Johnson.

"My grandfather M.T. Johnson was a big influence on me as were my parents," he said. "But M.T was always big in the game of golf. He was on the executive committee of the golf association, which was the governing body of the game of golf in the United States, so I always had an interest through him."

Johnson Wagner shoots out of a bunker at the 2012 Sony Open in Honolulu.

"Photo by PGA TOUR/Getty Images"

Asked what advice he would give young people interested in playing golf at the college or professional level, his advice was straightforward.

"I would say just have fun with it," he said. "I have always loved the game of golf. I have always enjoyed playing and practicing and just being on the course. A lot of people didn't really give me much of a chance to even play college golf. Fewer gave me much of a chance to play professional golf. I knew that I could do it and I had belief in myself.

"I think that is the most important thing when trying to play a professional sport is believing in yourself and I think the sky is the limit."

That belief, he said, must be accompanied by lots of hard work.

"Natural talent is really important, but I've seen plenty of raw talents go by the wayside because they don't have a good work ethic," Mr. Wagner said. "I think hard work fixes a lot of things. There are a lot of people out here with more talent, but when it comes down to it, I know that on any given day, I can beat them, just because I work so hard at it.

"In golf, as with anything in life, hard work pays off."

Mr. Wagner won the Sony Open in January 2012 and finished second the following week at the Humana Challenge Tournament.

"It was kind of a whirlwind – kind of the best golf I've ever played," he said.

He finished last season with six top 25 finishes, four of those in the top 10. He earned more than $2.2 million in prize money and worked his way up to 20th place in the FedEx Cup standings.

He credits those accomplishments, in part, to preparing himself physically.

"The off season leading up to that win was really productive," Mr. Wagner said. "I started working out for the first time and started the year more confident than I ever had."

While he has not experienced that same level of success this season, he reminds himself that he is still living a dream.

"Unfortunately, this year I've struggled a bit," he said. "I think my expectations have been so high in myself that I just haven't quite performed. But I've taken a step back and just realized how fortunate I am to play golf.

"Lots of people would be thrilled to be on the PGA Tour. It's hard to believe that I'm out here. I dreamed as a little boy of playing on the PGA Tour and now I'm out here, a three-time winner and I've had lots of success.

"And now it just makes me want more, but at the same time, I couldn't have been happier with the way things have gone. It seems like everything from here on out is just a cherry on top.

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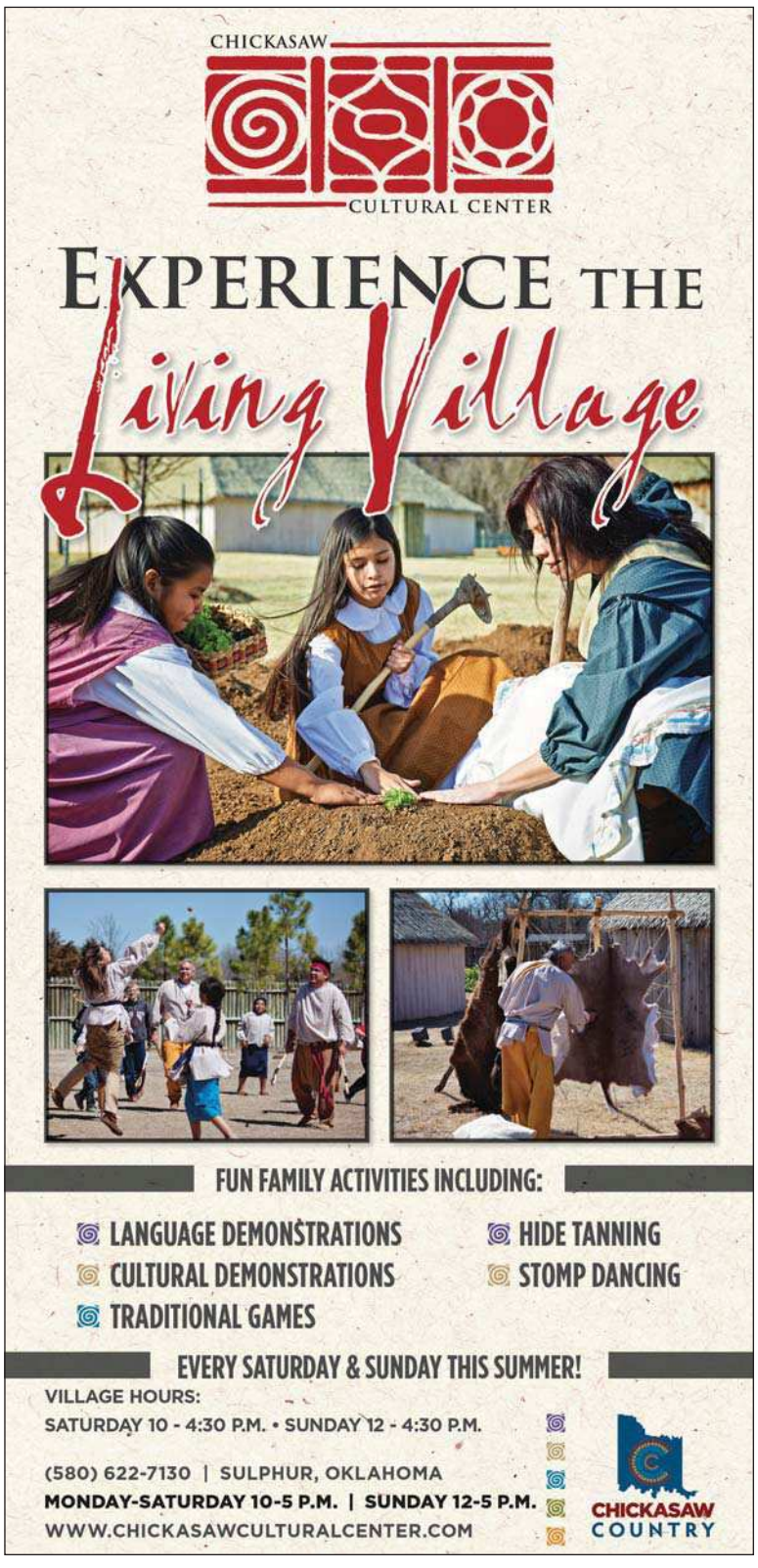

Chickasaw Foundation Fellowship Application for study at the Holisso Center open through August 9

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the availability of the 2013-2014 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application.

The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or persons studying Chickasaw history and/or culture. It is for a one-week period of research to be conducted at the Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The fellowship will provide up to $2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets, etc., to the selected applicant.

The deadline to submit the completed application is August 9, 2013.

Fellowships are awarded annually, in the fall, for the upcoming fiscal year. All applicants are notified by mail of acceptance or denial. No information will be given over the telephone. If awarded, you will receive further instructions by mail. Failure to comply with all parts of the process, as described herein, and all deadlines required for applicant eligibility will result in automatic denial of your application. Fellows will have from October 1 – September 30 the following year to complete their fellowship.

To be considered for this fellowship, the applicant must be:

- Pursuing a master's, doctorate or professional degree as a full-time student at an accredited graduate school in the United States OR preparing an academic paper, book or presentation on Chickasaw history and/or culture; and
- Able to demonstrate a financial need; and
- A registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, a registered citizen of another tribe or Alaska village/corporation or affiliated with any tribe.

If you would like an application or further information regarding the 2013-2014 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application, please contact Foundation offices at (580) 421-9030.

National Volunteer Week Celebrated by Chickasaw Foundation

Every year the Chickasaw Foundation recognizes its many volunteers by celebrating National Volunteer Week. President Richard Nixon signed an executive order in 1974 to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every year since that time, each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals.

National Volunteer Week is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation.

National Volunteer Week is not only our moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but to enable a nation to share ideas, practices, and stories, wherever they happen, and shaping a movement to re-imagine the notion of citizenship for the 21st century. The Chickasaw Foundation thanks our many volunteers for their dedication, generosity and kindness!

(Information obtained from the Points of Life network)

Chickasaw Foundation's 10th Annual Scholarship Reception August 6

The Chickasaw Foundation will be hosting its 10th annual scholarship reception on August 6 beginning at 6 p.m., at the McSwain Theater, 130 West Main in Ada, Okla.

Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients along with a Power Point presentation and refreshments. You may RSVP by contacting the Chickasaw Foundation at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net or by calling (580) 421-9030.

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Legislation signed signalling greater tribal-state law enforcement cooperation

Bill signing

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, seated, signs legislation enabling greater cooperation among tribal police and local and state law enforcement. The signing recently took place at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Pictured are, from left, Jacque Hensley, Native American liaison for Gov. Fallin; Tom John, Chickasaw Nation Self Governance administrator; State Rep. Lisa J. Billy, House District 42; Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police chief; Gov. Fallin; Chris Redman, Chickasaw Nation; John Hobbs, Choctaw Nation Public Safety executive director; State Sen. Susan Paddack, District 13; Frank Johnson, Jr., Chickasaw Nation Governmental Affairs, chief officer; Brian McClain, executive director of Legislative Advocacy, Choctaw Nation; and Chickasaw Nation Ambassador At-Large Neal McCaleb.

A bill authored by Rep. Susan Paddack (D-Ada) and Rep. Lisa Billy (R-Purcell) was signed into law recently making it legal for state and local law enforcement officials to collaborate with tribal law enforcement officers in specific circumstances.

The law takes effect Nov. 1.

It is not the first time cooperative arrangements between local Indian tribes and non-tribal entities have been forged to assist each other. Mutually beneficial infrastructure programs, such as bridge and road construction and repairs, along with partnerships with school districts to enhance educational resources are among the efforts.

Sen. Paddack and Rep. Billy authored the bill to define a "peace officer" to include tribal officers who have undergone training and certification by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). The measure specifies when tribal officials can assist on behalf of local, county or state law enforcement.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin signed the bill in late June.

Rep. Billy said she and Sen. Paddack worked with the Oklahoma Chiefs of Police Associations and with tribal law enforcement officials in developing and passing the bill. She said the measure would help resolve jurisdictional issues arising when non-tribal members commit crimes on tribal trust lands.

"These are situations that have caused a great deal of frustration and confusion," Rep. Billy said. "By enabling state, county and municipal law enforcement to work with CLEET-certified tribal officers, we are enhancing public safety efforts on behalf of tribal and non-tribal citizens alike. That is a positive change which benefits all Oklahomans."

Under the new law, tribal police will be able to respond to emergencies involving immediate threats to human life or property.

They may also respond with prior consent of state, county or local officials that have jurisdiction. They may assist in response to a request by an officer with investigatory or territorial jurisdiction or while transporting a prisoner.

"With the exception of the Osage Nation, federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma do not have reservations but there are tribal trust lands throughout the state, Sen. Paddack said.

"Criminals are aware of these lands and have taken advantage of it to break state laws and evade local and state lawmen. When the new law takes effect, our state and local police and sheriffs can enlist the help of tribal police in bringing these criminals to justice. As a result, our state will be a safer place in which to live," the Ada lawmaker said.

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Chickasaw Chief Colbert's bandolier on display in Alabama

TUSCUMBIA, Ala. - Chickasaw Chief George Colbert's (1764-1839) ornate and remarkably well preserved bandolier is on display in a museum in Tuscumbia.

Detail of the Colbert bandolier currently on display at a Tuscumbia, Ala., museum.

The five-foot long, four-inch wide artifact was loaned to the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art by the Goodloe Rutland family of Birmingham, Ala. The item was given to the family by Mr. Colbert approximately 200 years ago and has been passed down for generations.

The bandolier would have been attached to a "possibles pouch" where Mr. Colbert would have stored various items, such as ammunition, wading, flint and gunpowder for his rifle, according to the assistant director of the museum.

"The pouch is missing, but the bandolier is a great item for display and is in near mint condition given its age," Jim Berryman said.

The item features intricate white bead work, and red and gold needlework on a black sash background. The colors are quite bold and the vast majority of the intricate bead work remains intact.

It is doubtful Mr. Colbert ever actually wore the bandolier.

"The item is so beautiful and colorful, it would have never been used," Mr. Berryman said. "It was purely ceremonial and would have been given away as a token of friendship. Colbert had the ability to travel among the European elite and Native American elite. He was wealthy and influential."

One of several brothers of mixed-blood heritage, the Colberts were and are held in high esteem by the Chickasaws. George Colbert was a shrewd businessman who owned many businesses along the Natchez Trace and operated a ferry crossing the rugged Tennessee River. He was removed to Indian Territory with the tribe in 1838 and died the following year.

The Rutland family stowed the strap in a tin box which protected it from harmful sunlight.

"We are delighted to have it and have it on display for others to enjoy," Mr. Berryman said.

The item will remain at the museum four years. The Rutland family has indicated it may permanently bestow the bandolier to the Alabama museum.

George Colbert was the brother of Levi Colbert, a Chickasaw chief, who was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2012. They were two of six sons of Scots trader James Logan Colbert and Sopha Minta Hoye, a Chickasaw woman. All the Colbert children were bilingual, educated in Chickasaw and European-American traditions.

The Colberts, Mr. Berryman said, were welcome in both worlds. They were equally important and influential in the non-Indian world as they were leaders in the Chickasaw world.

History paints a very common picture of the two men. Both vehemently opposed Chickasaw removal to Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma. George Colbert made several forays into the territory prior to the 1837 removal of the Chickasaws to scout and assess it.

"He could never find land or anything in Indian Territory he considered as good - or better - than what the Chickasaws owned in the ancestral territory," Mr. Berryman said.

Levi and George Colbert were prominent negotiators for the Chickasaws during talks with U.S. government officials concerning treaties and removal to lands west of the Mississippi River.

So incensed with how Indians were treated during removal negotiations, Levi Colbert penned a scathing letter to U.S. President Andrew Jackson in November 1832. His complaints ranged from how little remuneration the Chickasaws were granted for land (approximately 25 cents per acre) to the disrespectful nature in which Gen. John Coffee, the U.S. negotiator, conducted the proceedings.

Levi Colbert died in November 1834 and was thus spared the agony of seeing his people removed to Indian Territory. George Colbert became chief when his brother died.

Several historical items belonging to George Colbert have survived through the centuries. A silver Jefferson Peace Medal given Mr. Colbert by the U.S. government in October 1801 was donated to the tribe and is housed at the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo, Okla.

Mr. Colbert was also awarded the medal for his participation in the Treaty of Chickasaw Bluffs, which authorized the federal government to construct the Natchez Trace, a major trading route of its day. It stretched from Nashville to Natchez, Miss. It was 444 miles long.

The medal was given by Mr. Colbert's son, Pitman, to Lewis Alsobrook. It was then passed down through the Alsobrook family until it was sold for $875 at an estate auction in Tuscumbia.

Dr. G.W. Huckaba, the great-great-nephew of Lewis Alsobrook, purchased it and donated it to the Chickasaw Nation in 1995.

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Chickasaw Chief George Colbert's bandolier is shown on display at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tuscumbia, Ala. (Photos Courtesy of Matt McKean, *Tuscumbia TimesDaily*)

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Chickasaw Nation Announces 'I Love My Child' Events

On Wednesday, August 1, the Chickasaw Nation will hold a special 10 a.m. kick-off event for Child Support Awareness month in the youth and family services parking lot, located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada.

In an effort to increase local awareness, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services began the "I Love My Child" child support awareness initiative in 2009.

"Children and families continue to be a top priority within the Chickasaw Nation," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "This initiative expresses the importance of caring for our children and providing them with the resources needed to live healthy, successful lives."

Culminating this year's campaign, will be an August 24 "I Love My Child" Family Fun Day at Wintersmith Park from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event will feature a number of family-friendly attractions, demonstrations and activities. Free snacks and refreshments will be served.

Every year, millions of children are negatively affected by parental separations. The Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services is assisting Oklahoma families by helping ensure that non-custodial parents fulfill their child support obligations.

For more information regarding Child Support Awareness month or child support services, please call (866) 431-3419 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services seeks comments on Women, Infants and Children nutrition program

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2014 fiscal year. These comments must be received by August 10, 2013.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves approximately 3900 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

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Donna Helene Joe

Donna Helene Joe, 51, died at her home in Ardmore, Okla., June 23, 2013. Funeral services were June 27, The Chapel at Griffin~Hillcrest Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Wall officiating. Interment followed in Enville Cemetery.

She was born June 29, 1961, in San Diego, Calif., to Don Boston and Mary Helen (Ned) Boston.

As a child of a military dad, Donna lived in San Diego, and Great Lakes, Ill., before moving permanently to Ardmore in 1973. She graduated from Dickson (OK) High School in 1979. She met the love of her life, Larry Fisher, in 2006.

She was employed at Farmer's Market in Ardmore before taking a job with the Chickasaw Nation in 2012.

She was a big OU and OKC Thunder fan. She loved having family and friends around and enjoyed cooking for them.

She was a loving, compassionate mom, raising her three children as a single mother. The bright spot in her life was when her grandchildren were born. "Mommo" dearly loved them with all of her heart and they loved her. She shared her life with many people, welcoming anyone into her home and she was loved by all. Her loving way and her sense of humor will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one granddaughter, Taygan Joe.

She is survived by her spouse, Larry Fisher, of the home; sons, Michael Lee Joe and wife, Angie, of Ardmore and Anthony Joe, of Ardmore; a daughter, Alesha Joe, of the home; grandchildren, Sydney, Mary, Ethan, Rylee, and Michael "Boy" Joe, Kali Marris, Traci Marris and Kaine Roberts; one great-grandson, Binny; three sisters, Barbara Underwood and husband, Jack, Tina Underwood and husband, Dennis, and Mariah Adair; three brothers, Ted Boston, Robby Boston and Chiefy Greenwood and wife, Starla; and several nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers were Ked Ash, Phillip Whitthorne, Jr. Pettigrew, Russell Lewis, J.D. Underwood and Ben Underwood. Honorary bearers will be Annette "Neddie" Aaron, Misty Dondi Joe, Angie Ingram, Roxanne Pettigrew, Carol Snyder, Monica Roberts and Angie Joe.

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Plutarcho Columbus Hill

Plutarcho Columbus Hill died June 16, 2013. A memorial service was June 18 with internment in Chickasaw Territory in the Washington Cemetery, Washington, Okla.

He was born January 29, 1923 to original Chickasaw enrollee Lizzie Columbus and Charles Hill. He was the youngest of five children; three brothers, Edward James Columbus Hill, Emanuel Waldron Columbus Hill and Charlie Columbus Hill; and one sister, Ada Bell "Dee".

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

He is survived by his sister-in-law Ida Leota Hill Beck, of Midwest City, Okla., and numerous nieces and nephews and their families; and various other family members.

Uncle Plutarcho, you were loved and will be remembered and missed.

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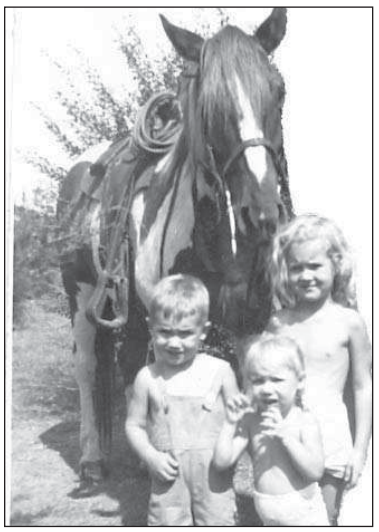

LaDeana Faye, Billy Bose and Valla Dee Jack.

LaDeana Faye Jack would have turned 70 on July 31, 2013.

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David E. Brown

David E. Brown, 70, of Tishomingo, Okla., died June 6, 2013 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital South, Oklahoma City. Services were June 10, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church, Tishomingo with Pastor Lee Armstrong of Victory Life Church, Durant, Okla., officiating. Interment followed in the Condon Grove Cemetery, Milburn, Okla.

He was born June 20, 1942 at Chilocco, Okla., to Willie Brown and Mattie (Anoatubby) Brown.

He attended the Chilocco School and after high school, served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. David moved to California for a time, where he attended UCLA. He returned to this area and graduated from East Central University in Ada, Okla., with a degree in political science.

He married Rhonda Ferris March 15, 1991 in Ardmore, Okla., and they had lived in Tishomingo since that time.

He served the Chickasaw Nation as Lt. Governor from 1991 until 1999 and was also an adjunct professor of Government at Murray State College in Tishomingo. He attended the Victory Life Church, Durant.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Edward Brown; and two sisters, Bille Jean Brown and Pat Hines.

He is survived by his wife Rhonda, of the home; three sons, Jeff Brown, of Ontario, Calif., Bryant Ferris, of Tipton, Okla., and Brandon Ferris, of Connerville, Okla.; nine grandchildren, Stormy, Nicole, Leila, Maxx, Braden, Jacob, Luke, Jett and River; and other relatives and friends.

Leota Irene (Harlin) Fisher

Leota Irene (Harlin) Fisher, 95, died March 2, 2013. Celebration of her life was March 7, 2013 and she was laid to rest at Riverside, Calif.

She was born Sept. 23, 1917 at Ravia, Okla., to James B. Harlin, an original enrollee, and Sarah Frances Moore.

She lived in and around Ravia until 1940. Working at Owensby's Café on Caddo Street, in Ardmore, Okla., she met her future husband. They married in August 1940 and shortly thereafter they left Oklahoma by hitchhiking with daughter, Virginia, to California where other family members had gone and found work and resided in the Corona-Riverside area until her death.

She worked as a waitress most of her life and enjoyed cooking. Zucchini bread and chocolate cake were her specialties and she would bake when she knew family was coming to visit. She was an avid gardener and was always happy to show people around her beautifully landscaped yard.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and had a collection of Indian dolls and memorabilia the she proudly displayed in her home.

She is survived by two sons, Ray, of Riverside, Calif., and Roy, of Castle Rock, Colo.; a daughter, Virginia Allison, of Superior, Montana; two brothers, Curtis Harlin, of Corona and Charles Harlin, of Hanford, Calif.; a sister, Glinda Wheeler, of Winston, Ore.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was loved and will be missed, but separation is only for a short time when we will join her as our time comes for the journey she has completed.

Gerald Dean Hurley

Gerald Dean Hurley, 51, of Kiowa, Kan., died June 3, 2013 at Kiowa. Services were June 7 at Criswell Funeral Home, Ada, Okla., with Rev. Jesse Rodgers officiating. Burial followed ainRosedale Cemetery, Ada.

He was born Dec. 14, 1961 at Oklahoma City to William Dean Hurley, Sr., and Wynona Main Hurley. He graduated from Ada High School and attended college.

Mr. Hurley was a paramedic for Barber County, Kansas EMS for 12 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kiowa.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, William Dean Hurley, Jr.

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He is survived by his mother, Wynona Hurley, of Ada, Okla.; his fiancé, Oliva Diaz, of Kiowa; a son, Nathan Hurely, of Norman, Okla.; a daughter, Ashley Baker and her husband, Chris, of Hugo, Okla.; three sisters, Deana Ray and husband, Daniel Luce, of Ada, Debbie Langston and husband, Dan, of Seattle and Charletta Upton, of Ardmore, Okla.; his grandson, Christian Baker; and other loving relatives and friends.

Marion B. McCaleb

Marion B. McCaleb, 82, died Nov. 4, 2012. Funeral services were Nov. 10 at Hatfield Funeral Home, Sierra Vista, Ariz., with Pastor Alan Eckert officiating. Interment followed in Cochise Memory Gardens Cemetery, Sierra Vista.

Mr. McCaleb was born Jan. 12, 1930 at Ardmore, Okla., to Juanita Thelma (Bridges) and Jesse Burt McCaleb.

He graduated in 1952 from the University of Oklahoma in electrical engineering and went directly into the U.S. Army serving two years before beginning his professional career.

He married Joan Claire Speed while in the Army Signal Corps and his daughter, Karen was born in 1953. In 1960 he and his family moved to New Jersey where he worked at Bell Labs as an electrical engineer. In 1970 he transferred to Tucson where he worked for Lockheed as a technical director, then transferred to Sierra Vista in 1975 working as a manaer in IT at Fort Huachuca. After he retired in 1992, Mr. McCaleb spent the next 12 years volunteering for the Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program (VICAP) organization in Sierra Vista where he helped families with older adults to remain independent in their own homes.

He was a lifelong hiker beginning in his early childhood along the North Canadian River and culminating in his love of the high desert of Arizona. He was a member of the Sierra Vista Moses Trekkers hiking group.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen (Mike) Orlando; a grandson, James; granddaughter-in-law, Mercedes (David) Smith; a sister, Juanita Roper; and a brother Neal (George Ann) McCaleb.

We love Marion so much and were blessed by him. We are better in this life because we knew and were loved by him.

He will be remembered most of all for his kind, compassionate and loving spirit. He was a man of strong faith and never saw anything bad in anyone. He was always there to lend his support and guidance, and a helping hand to those in need.

Leona Josephine (Pikey) Farley-Welch

Leona Josephine (Pikey) Farley-Welch, 87, of Tuttle, Okla., died May 30, 2013. Graveside services were June 3 at the Fairview Cemetery, Tuttle.

She was born October 5, 1925 at Chickasha, Okla., to Thomas Benson and Nora (Huskey) Pikey. She was the granddaughter of Benson and Katie Pikey.

She worked at OG&E and John A. Brown's department store as an office clerk prior to marriage. She then had two children, Barb and Jim. After raising them she went back to work at U-Totem convenience store and Landshire Foods. She then attended Moore-Norman Vo-Tech and earned certification as a registered dietician. She worked as a registered dietician at Four Seasons Nursing Home until retirement.

After retiring she enjoyed gardening, baking with her grandchildren, crocheting and even a little square dancing. She enjoyed fellowship with church members from Snow Hill Baptist Church where she was a member for many years.

She was a kind, loving, hard working strong lady with a unique sense of humor. She will be missed very much.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Earl Farley; a son James "Jim" Farley; and second husband, William "Pete" Welch.

She is survived by a daughter Barbara (Farley) Anderson, of Tuttle; and a granddaughter; four grandsons; and two known great-grandchildren.

Bobby "Bob" Lynn Williamson

Bobby "Bob" Lynn Williamson, 84, died June 3, 2013. Services were June 7 at the South Colonial Chapel.

He was born Sept. 12, 1928 at Marlow, Okla., to Arthur and Opaleta (Carter) Williamson.

He was employed for many years and in many locations throughout the United States as an aircraft mechanic. His specialty was sheet metal fabrication and repair on aircraft ranging from Cessna 150 to the Lockheed C-5B. He was innovative and artistic. He could build a WWI biplane out of beer cans and design and fabricate complicated fuselage adaptations for a classified C-130 program.

He retired from Lockheed Martin in 1991. To many of the boys growing up where he was living at the time he was known as "coach." He volunteered and coached youth sports and particularly football. He enjoyed all sports but his true love was OU football and Oklahoma City Thunder basketball. He was known to all that knew him as a person with a smile and kind words. Mr. Williamson was always up for a road rip and eager to help his family any way he could. He and his wife, Betty, helped raise several of their grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Betty.

He is survived by daughters, Carol Whitham and Bobbie Settle and husband, Ken; a son, Marvin Williamson and wife, Carolyn; a brother, Arthur Williamson; sisters, Wanda Kiser and Leta Hazen; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and friends and loved ones.

Friends may leave condolences at www.vondelsmithmortuary.com

Cleburn Franklin Driver

Cleburn Franklin Driver, 93, died June 2, 2013. Funeral services were June 5 at Lucas Funeral Home, Fort Worth with Reverend Andy Quinton of Konawa, Okla., officiating. Interment followed at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

He was born April 23, 1920, in Marshall County, Oklahoma to Zerurah (Ruie) and Maggie (Townsley) Driver.

He married Betty Louise Maness in January, 1941 and remained with her until her passing in 2001.

Mr. Driver grew up on his mother's original Chickasaw land allotment, the family farm, at Shay near Kingston, Okla. He attended school in Kingston and for some time he rode his horse seven miles to school each day. At 17, he moved to Tulsa where he began his working life in business and industry and met his future bride. During the first years of WWII, he worked at Spartan Aircraft in Tulsa where military aircraft engines were produced. Towards the war's end, he was drafted into the Army and served one year before the war ended. In 1947, he moved his family to Fort Worth where he worked at Bell Helicopter starting approximately in 1951 until retirement in 1985. He was proud of being in the group of the first 100 employed by Bell Helicopter after the company moved to Fort Worth from Buffalo, New York.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Driver; his parents, Ruie and Maggie Lillian Townsley Driver; a sister, Lois Driver Burke; a son, John Franklin Driver; and great-grandson, Jared Maupin .

He is survived by a son, David Cleburn Driver (Anne), of Portland, Texas; a sister, Ruby Haden (Ed, deceased), of Kingston, Okla.; grandchildren whom he loved and cherished, Rachel Mitchell (Robert), of Edmond, Okla.; Jill Sarro (Robert), of Friendswood, Texas; Sally Driver, of Katy, Texas; Jefferson Driver and Samuel Driver, of Sanger, Texas; Laura Driver, of San Marcos, Texas and Elizabeth Driver, of Charleroi, Belgium; and great-grandchildren Devin, Genevieve and Giselle Sarro.

Dorothy Parker

Dorothy Parker, 84, died June 6, 2013 at Enloe Hospital, Chico, Calif., from a brain aneurysm suffered that morning. The celebration of her life was June 16, at New Vision United Church of Christ, Chico.

One of Chico's strongest advocates for social justice, human dignity and peace, she was surrounded by family and friends at the time of her passing.

She was born April 12, 1929 in Spokane, Wash., the only child of Charles and Lydia Toppin.

She graduated from high school in Spokane and attended Washington State University earning a bachelor of arts degree in business administration in 1951. In 1987, she received a master of arts in counseling from the University of San Francisco.

She worked many years for Butte County, holding several jobs, including addiction recovery counselor and mental health counselor.

She married Jim Van Laan in 1951. In 1954, they were appointed missionaries to Angola, then a Portuguese colony, by the Congregational Church. She taught school and he worked in agricultural ministry. They returned to the United States in 1958, eventually settling in Chico when Mr. Van Lann joined the faculty at Chico State. The family joined New Vision United Church of Christ, then the Congregational Church of Chico, UCC, in 1961.

The Van Lann's divorced in 1974. She married Lou Parker in 1975. He was holding her hand at the moment of her death.

At the church, she held many leadership positions - Sunday school teacher, adult Bible study teacher, church council member, financial secretary, treasurer, and moderator. Her Christian faith was authentic and deep. Her faith inspired her to be a tireless advocate for justice for the poor and to work diligently in peacemaking. She helped organize the Chico Peace and Justice Center, serving for many years on the Board of Directors and as volunteer bookkeeper. She was active with Butte County Habitat for Humanity, serving on its Board and working with local churches to support the organization.

Her Habitat involvement extended to Nicaragua. For over 20 years, she led teams there in building houses in two communities, Dario and Bluefields. Her work in these communities went beyond housing. She partnered with Seeds of Learning to build and improve the schools. She arranged for sewing machines, school supplies, medical supplies, and many other materials to be sent to Dario in particular. She supported many organizations working in peace and justice, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama, where her name is inscribed on the Wall of Tolerance at the National Civil Rights Memorial Center.

Concerned about the effects of American policy in Central America, which she had observed first-hand, she joined in protesting the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. In November, 2005, when she was 76, she was arrested for trespassing on Federal property and served 57 days in Federal prison. The Chico Peace and Justice Center honored her courageous actions with the Chico Peace Endeavor award in 2006. She was a steadfast participant in the Chico Peace Endeavor vigil at 3rd and Main.

She loved the outdoors, gardening, travel, Latin American folk music, theater, spending time with children and youth, holding elected officials accountable, and building lifelong friendships. Intelligent and soft-spoken with a mischievous streak, she was strong, willowy, hard-working, kind, and consistent in her faith in God, her hope for a better world, and her love for her friends and family. Although advancing Parkinson's Disease forced her to reduce her activities in recent years, she was still present in church on Sundays and at other events in the area.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Lou Parker, of Chico; her children and children-in-law, Margaret Van Laan Martin (Richard), of Chico, Kathy Allan (Robert), of Chico, David Van Laan (Gigi), of Austin, Texas, and Allen Van Laan (Jane), of Chico; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her stepchildren, Anita Pullin, of Chico, Cherry Jensen, of Oakland, Patricia Davidson, of Chico, and Louis Parker, Jr., of Orland; lifelong friend Jean Fadavi, of Concord, Calif.; and friends across the United States, Canada, and Central America.

Flower memorials are welcome, or contributions in Dorothy's memory may be made to New Vision UCC, 1190 E. First Ave, Chico, 95926; Butte Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 3073, Chico, 95927; Habitat for Humanity Nicaragua Program, 121 Habitat St., Americus, GA 31709-3498; or Chico Peace and Justice Center, 526 Broadway, Chico, 95928.

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For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

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Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

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Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

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Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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NEW ENGLAND
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Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
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Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
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North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
Sandra Williams, 817-688-6566
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Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
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Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

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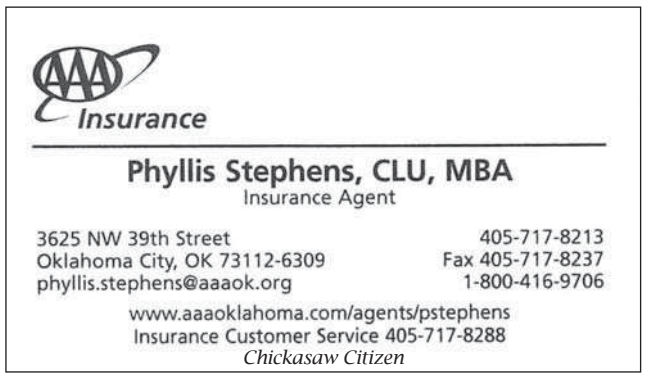

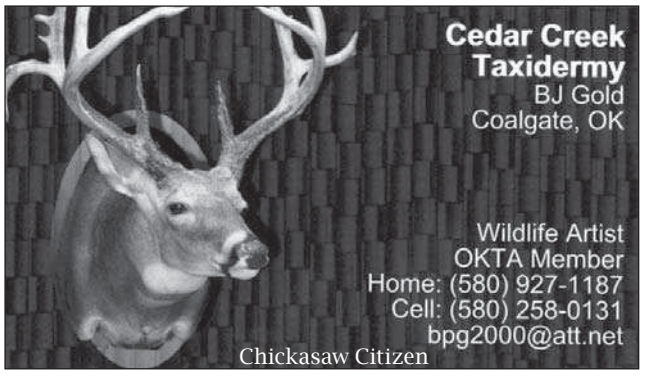

Pacific Northwest Community Council

Our annual potluck picnic is 11 a.m., Saturday, July 27, at the Marshall Community Center in Vancouver Wash. For more information, visit our website: http://www.pnccc.us or contact Kim Factor/Rena Smith.

Most importantly, we wish to extend our sympathies and well wishes to all those being affected by this year's severe tornado season, especially in Oklahoma. In the Pacific Northwest we encounter times of stormy, even destructive weather. We understand though that what we see here can be of no comparison to what you experience there.

Please know that we continue to send our thoughts and prayers your way as you go forth to re-strengthen and re-build. We know you will, for we know the spirit of the Chickasaw – always persistent, strong and resilient.

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 17, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Michael L. Wingo, S. Ashley Large, Patricia J. Appl, Gene Lehmann

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 19, 2013

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of April 19, 2013.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2013 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 30-031 , Citation in Recognition and Gratitude to Governor Bill Anoatubby

This resolution is a Citation in Recognition and Gratitude to Governor Bill Anoatubby in recognition of his many years of successful and selfless public service to the Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma, and his induction into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR30-031.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-031 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 30-007, Amendments to Title 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Title IV-E Program)

This resolution amends Title 6, Chapters 2 and 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order to better protect the health, safety and welfare of American Indian children within the Chickasaw Nation jurisdiction. Furthermore, certain provisions of Title 6 need to be amended to conform with the current deprived child, delinquent child and adoption procedures within the Chickasaw Nation District Court. Such amendments are also needed in order to comply with the requirements established by the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as part of establishing the Chickasaw Nation's Title IV-E foster care reimbursement and adoption assistance program.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve PR30-007.

Members voting yes:
Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR30-007 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(B) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-030, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Beryl Sears

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Beryl Sears to a term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2015. Mr. Sears will represent Panola District.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR30-030.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-030 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woods announced the Kullihoma Reunion is scheduled for today and tomorrow, and Mr. Kennedy Brown's Birthday Reception is scheduled for May 20th.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on per capita payments for citizens and the BIA Realty Department.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
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JUNE 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolutio 30-032

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, to accept a property being donated by the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, described as follows:

Lots Three (3), Four (4), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block 332 in the City of Ardmore, Carter County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Property Location: 101 G Street, Ardmore Oklahoma

Use: Undetermined

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker

General Resolution Number 30-033

Authorization to Grant Additional Roadway Easement in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves and grants the additional roadway easements to the City of Ada to improve the roadway access along Rosedale Road in Ada, Oklahoma. Such improvements will be effected by the City of Ada and the Chickasaw Nation as a joint improvement project. The Chickasaw Nation waives compensation for damages estimated at $68,150.00 as contributions towards the project described in the attached Exhibit "A", which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Property Location: Rosedale Road going west from North Broadway in Ada

Use: To be utilized as roadway improvements

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker

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Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 17, 2013
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert

Finance Committee
June 17, 2013
Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert

Health Care Committee
June 10, 2013
Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Hunting & Fishing Code
June 10, 2013
Present: Steve Woods, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood
Absent: Tim Colbert, David Woerz

Land Development Committee
June 10, 2013
Present: Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods
ABsent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, David Woerz

2012 Tribal Legislature

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